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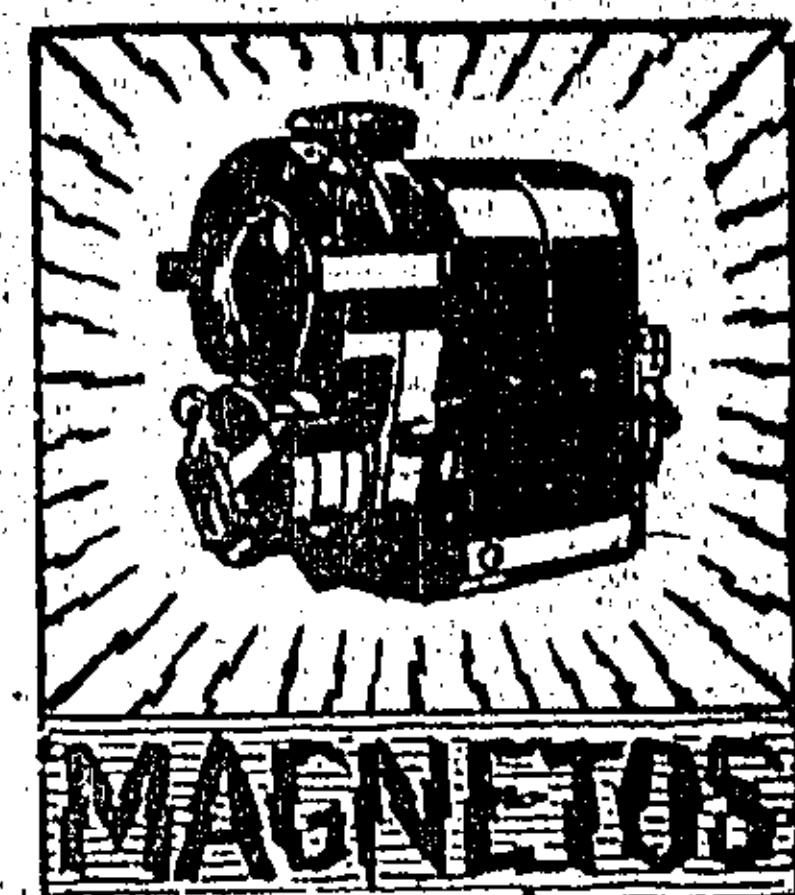
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SERIOUS PLIGHT DEVELOPS.

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BRITISH SENTRY INSULTED BY COOLIE.

GIRL "REDS" ARRESTED.

As evidencing the growing uneasiness in Hankow many of the minor Government officers have taken opportunity to leave. General Yang Sen, who is advancing down the Han River to attack Hankow, has been "dismissed" by the Hankow clique from the Southern army. There have been many false reports of victories circulated in Hankow, but it is now definitely known that the Southerners have been severely defeated by the Fengtien forces. The Government is commandeering decreasing food supplies.

A foolish act by a coolie at Hankow yesterday might easily have precipitated a serious incident. While a British bluejacket was on sentry duty on the Bund, a coolie walked up to him and spat in his face. The sentry retaliated by knocking the man down with the butt end of his rifle, inflicting head wounds so that the man had to be sent to hospital. An official protest has been made to the Chinese authorities.

At Chinkiang, in spite of orders to the contrary, large numbers of troops have taken possession of Consulate offices and other foreign buildings, shipping residences being the only premises so far immune. Foreign requests have been made for the troops to be withdrawn.

Regarding the fighting between North and South on the Wuhu-Nanking sectors of the Yangtze, the Northerners have suffered a severe setback in the vicinity of Luchowfu and it is reported that some 40,000 Nationalist troops have crossed the river below Nanking for an attack on Pukow.

In continuation of the "Red" round-up at Canton, a number of girl students, said to be Communists, were arrested yesterday during a raid on the Girls' Normal College.

CHINKIANG CONSULATES INVADDED.

Hankow, May 12. On the surface Hankow is quiet, but among the officials there are distinct signs of uneasiness, and it is reported that many of the minor Government officers have taken advantage of any opportunity to leave Hankow.

Among the recent announcements of the Hankow Government is the dismissal from the Southern Army of General Yang Sen, the Szechuan warlord. This confirms Yang Sen's anti-South movements recently reported.

False Reports of Victory.

The native newspapers contain remarkable accounts of Southern victories, all of which are totally untrue. The Southerners have been defeated severely by the Fengtien force on the border, but the Northerners are not yet advancing.

In the last 48 hours large numbers of Southern troops have been sent from the river below Hankow to a big concentration north of the city.

A Food Shortage.

Food difficulties are increasing and the local Government is strictly enforcing rationing. All food has been commandeered by the Government. The authorities continue to commandeer all silver coins.—*Naval Wireless.*

UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.

Foolish Act by Coolie.

Hankow, May 12. A distasteful incident, accompanied by unpleasant consequences for the coolie concerned, occurred along the Bund yesterday. A bluejacket sentry guarding one of the British pontoons, was walking up and down when a coolie walked up to him and spat in his face. The bluejacket retaliated by knocking the coolie down with the butt of his rifle. The coolie was conveyed to hospital, where he was detained with head wounds. The incident has resulted in a strong protest being made to the

Chinese authorities, punishment of the coolie for the insult being among the demands.—*Naval Wireless.*

NORTHERN SETBACK?

Wuhu Nearly Normal.

Wuhu, May 12. Fighting has broken out on a bigger scale on the Lluanchow to Lake Hoochow front, it is understood, and an unconfirmed rumour has reached Wuhu to the effect that the Northerners "suffered a severe setback in the vicinity of Luchowfu."

Wuhu is practically cleared of troops, and the situation is much nearer normal.—*Naval Wireless.*

NATIONALISTS MOVING.

Cross Yangtze Near Nanking.

Nanking, May 12. Throughout the night of May 10th-11th there was a heavy artillery duel between Nanking and Pukow, but the firing slackened off during the day yesterday. More fires broke out in Pukow, but they did not assume large dimensions. Although the information is as yet unconfirmed, it is stated that some 40,000 Nationalist troops have crossed the river below Nanking with the object of joining up with Anhwei troops in an attack on Pukow.—*Naval Wireless.*

A SHANGHAI MYTH.

No Troops on Tsungming Island.

Shanghai, March 12. Following alarmist reports that the 12,000 troops, landed on Tsungming Island by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang were preparing for an immediate attack on Shanghai, H.M.S. Argus carried out an air reconnaissance and exposed the whole story as a myth. It now turns out that there are no troops on Tsungming Island, and neither are there any transports or warships. The Shanghai situation is normal.—*Naval Wireless.*

TROOPS AT CHINKIANG.

Occupy British Concession.

London, May 12. The armed peasantry known as "Red Spears" are still operating on the Hupeh-Honan border, against the Southerners, and have destroyed bridges further south. Fengtien troops have reached Liang, beyond Chumatin. At Chinkiang, there is considerable troop movement down river towards Kueishan, and all available river transport has been commandeered by the Southern General Ho Ying-yin.

The Consulate offices and nearly all the foreign houses in the British Concession were yesterday occupied by troops despite proclamations by General Ho forbidding this action. The British Consular officer has requested the withdrawal of the troops.

The Communist force which was marching on Swatow is reported to have been dispersed at Peking.—*British Wireless.*

Orders Disobeyed.

Chinkiang, May 12. In spite of the orders issued by General Ho Ying-yin, the commander-in-chief of the Nationalist forces round Chinkiang, a large number of troops have taken possession of the foreign buildings. The shipping residences are the only premises so far immune from the invasion.

Up to the present General Ho has taken no action in the matter. Apart from this incident, the situation is quiet.—*Naval Wireless.*

SIR MILES IN SHANGHAI.

Purpose of His Visit.

London, May 12. With reference to rumours regarding the purpose of the visit which Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister in Peking, is paying to Shanghai, it is emphatically stated that its sole purpose is to enable the minister to study the situation himself and to consult with the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Tyrwhitt, the Commander of the Shanghai Defence Force, General Duncan, and the British Consular officials there.—*British Wireless.*

"REDS" IN THE ARMY.

Order for Disbandment.

Canton, May 12. In view of the fact that a large number of "Reds" of the North River have been enlisted by the expeditionary army, General Chien Tu-chun, the leader of the anti-"Red" expedition, has given orders prohibiting this enlistment. General Chien believes that most of the "Reds" on the North River are undisciplined, and without proper military or political training. He therefore orders that these "Reds" cannot be trusted, and had best be disbanded. According to a report of the Propaganda committee of the Expeditionary Army, however, more than 5,000 "Reds" have been taken prisoners on the North River, and subsequently enlisted into the army.

West River Unrest.

A portion of the Kwangsi troops on the North River front are being withdrawn to the West River for suppression of the "Red" peasants in the Loting, Shuihing and Youngkong districts, where the garrison forces are not sufficient to cope with the situation. A battalion of the Kwangsi troops has arrived at Samshui, from where the soldiers will proceed up the West River.

Girl Communists Arrested.

The Police Force yesterday made a raid on the Girls' Normal College, where it is known there are a number of Communists. The students were first gathered in the Recreation Ground, and then the names were called out by the Police officer, one by one. Seven arrests were made, and the prisoners include the sister and the fiancée of Shen Chun-yui, a well-known Communist leader.

Political Prisoners.

During the last few days, a large number of Communists, arrested in the West River districts, have been sent to Canton by the district authorities.

ANOTHER CANTON PROTEST.

ALLEGED INTERFERENCE BY RADIO.

HONGKONG ACTION CITED.

No foreign vessel, mercantile or naval, should operate their wireless equipment when in port, is the demand made by the Chief of the Canton Wireless Station, Mr. Wong Chun-min, says the *Canton Gazette*.

In asking the Military authorities to instruct the Foreign Office to take up the matter with the various consuls, Mr. Wong points out that the work of the Government station has recently been much interfered with in consequence of the collision of electric waves originating from the Government station and the foreign vessels in harbour equipped with wireless. Despite warning signals given by the Government station, these foreign vessels communicate regularly with other places by means of their wireless apparatus, thus causing delay and in some cases interruption to the messages to be transmitted by the Government station. This must not be allowed to continue, as many urgent military messages cannot be delayed.

Mr. Wong cites the international wireless convention regulating prohibiting the dispatch of wireless messages by any nation's vessels after entering a port where a wireless land station is in existence. It is also pointed out, says our "Canton" contemporary, that the Hongkong Government used to seal up the wireless operating room on board our gunboats upon their arrival in Hongkong harbour.

SINGAPORE CHEATING CASE.

FURTHER CHARGES PENDING.

The case in which Mr. Schafelaar with two others, who are being extradited from Batavia, are charged with cheating, came up again at Singapore on Thursday last week before the Second Magistrate, Mr. H. R. Bull.

Mr. E. V. White appeared for Schafelaar.

It was explained by Court Inspector Johnson that no news had yet been received from Batavia, and in response to a request made by his Worship, he said that they would cable without delay.

The case was, therefore, adjourned until next Monday.

His Worship was unable to agree to Schafelaar being tried separately as other charges were to be preferred against him.

Inspector Johnson said the C.P.O. was investigating the allegations of ill-treatment made by Schafelaar and would report later.

SHOPKEEPER TRICKED.

EXECUTES BOGUS ORDER.

Mr. H. M. H. Esmail, an Indian shop keeper of 15, Morrison Hill Road, has been victimised by an unknown Chinese who went to his shop yesterday and ordered 18 tins of Jacob's biscuits and 150 packets of "Three Castles" cigarettes.

The unknown customer explained that the goods were for the Lee Gardens and said that cash would be paid for them. Mr. Esmail went with the Chinese to the Lee Gardens where the man told him to wait while he went into an office to obtain the cash.

After waiting outside for some time, Mr. Esmail got suspicious and went into the office to make enquiries. He discovered that the man was not known there and that the goods, which were supposed to have been ordered for the Lee Gardens, had not been received. A report has been made to the police.

Yesterday two "Red" political directors of the 13th Division were delivered to the Army Headquarters by the 38th Regiment in Hongkang. These "Reds" have been imprisoned together with the other Communists in the forts in Canton.—*Nam Ching Pao.*

CHINA RESIDENTS.

WHAT EVACUATION MEANS.

SOCIALISTS SHOULD NOTE.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain addressed a meeting of the Unionists of the Edgbaston Division of Birmingham, of which he is the prospective candidate, in mail week. The situation in China, he said, had for a long time been causing the Government very great anxiety and concern, and they had not had that assistance which he thought they ought to have had even from the Opposition. There were people in the Socialist party who were not nominally the leaders of that party, but who nevertheless always seemed to be followed by their leaders whenever there was a difference of opinion, and who always talked as though British enterprise and British adventure in China had been undertaken simply with a view to exploiting cheap labour.

British Enterprise.

When we first went to China Shanghai was nothing but a mud flat, and Hongkong nothing but a barren pestiferous island, and these places were handed over to the "foreign devils" as the Chinese called them, because they would not let the "foreign devils" go into the places where they themselves lived. What had happened? By British courage, skill, enterprise, and money—Shanghai and Hongkong has been built up into two of the greatest ports in the world. Through them was conducted the greater part of the trade of China and to them went vast numbers of Chinese to live, because they found that in the settlements and concessions and colonies controlled by the foreigners they could trade with far greater security and profit to themselves than under their own Government. The Socialists thought that what the Government had done in China was something they should be ashamed of, and would have us scuttle out of Shanghai and Hongkong. As for protecting the lives of our people out there, that was a thing that horrified them, lest in doing so we might hurt some poor Chinese. In the House of Commons the Socialists had expressed their wish that the British troops sent to protect British men, women, and children should be withdrawn.

If We Leave Shanghai.

Mr. Wheatley said there were only a few thousand British in Shanghai, and very few of them were working people. What a poisonous way in which to look at it. It was the duty of any Government worthy of the name to protect the lives and property of its nationals who were carrying on their proper and lawful avocations in any part of the world. But even from the point of view of the material interests of the working classes of this country, Mr. Wheatley and those who thought as he did forgot that the trade which was done by the British in Shanghai and Hongkong and other Chinese ports was giving employment to thousands of our own workpeople at home. If we were to evacuate Shanghai and Hongkong the numbers of unemployed in this country would immediately go up and remain up because we should have destroyed one of the greatest sources from which we drew the trade that gave our people work and brought revenue to this country.

WEST RIVER RISES.

EARLY FLOODING FEARED.

The West River has risen as a consequence of the recent rains, the level at Wuchow being 8 to 9 feet higher. The violent flow, especially below the Ling Yang Gorge, is found to be dangerous by sailors of native craft. Two native craft fully loaded with cargoes are reported to have been sunk at this point of the river. The yellow colour of the water in Canton harbour indicates that a flood is about to set in.—*Canton Gazette.*

DELINQUENT NEPHEW SENTENCED.

GIVEN HARD LABOUR AND BIRCHED.

MAGISTRATE'S CENSURE.

The hearing was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court, this morning, of the case in which a Chinese was charged with kidnapping his own uncle, a twelve-year-old boy who is the step-brother of his father. The defendant, making a statement in his defence, attributed to the mother of the boy a desire to re-marry, which had then raised the question of the boy's career. With the view to assuring the boy's future, in that event, defendant said he took the lad to Shedd, where he had made plans for the boy's enrolment as a member of the Kuomintang and his subsequent recruitment into the Whampoa Military Academy.

"Surely you don't believe that yourself," his Worship interposed when Mr. McCallum had concluded his defence. Addressing the defendant, his worship said:—Well, I think you are lucky to be brought back to Hongkong. If you had been tried late to-night, referring to the thoroughness with which the police carried out the search, adding that they ransacked every department, especially the Russian trade delegation offices.

COLONIAL QUESTIONS.

CO-ORDINATION IN RESEARCH.

London, May 12. The Colonial Conference discussed the proposal to create a common corps of research workers and experts.

Two rival aspects emerged from the discussion, firstly a common corps for the whole Colonial Empire, and secondly the grouping of various Colonies where local conditions are similar.

This question will be referred to the committee. Another discussion related to pensions, and the difficulties of the local legislatures arising from a mixed service.—*Reuter.*

London, May 12. The Colonial Conference to-day discussed proposals for creating a corps of research workers and experts. Arising out of the discussion, two alternatives emerged, one to create a pool which would be common to the whole Colonial Empire and the other a less ambitious scheme for grouping of various colonies which, in view of local conditions, might lend themselves to such grouping. The whole subject will be considered by a committee which has been selected with very wide terms of reference.

The Conference also discussed the question of pensions with particular reference to colonial pensions legislation.—*British Wireless.*

WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

GENEVA CONFERENCE BANS SUBSIDIES.

Geneva, May 12. The deliberations of the Economic Conference are progressing rapidly, and have yielded definite resolutions by various sub-committees, notably the sub-committee on tariffs, opposing subsidies. It expressed the hope that the Governments would do their utmost to refrain from dumping, as to which it recommends the establishment of universally stable conditions of production and commerce, and the reduction of excessive customs tariffs.

The sub-committee on agriculture recommended the encouragement of the efforts of producers and consumers, and co-operative associations. The sub-committee on commerce counsels international action to assure normal currents of international trade and commercial equality, and State and private enterprises. It recommends the conclusion of bilateral agreements to determine the best methods of defining the status of aliens, not only from an economic, but also from a legal and fiscal viewpoint.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET SUSPECT.

SENSATIONAL LONDON RAID.

RUSSIAN OFFICES SEARCHED BY POLICE.

DOCUMENTS SEIZED.

London, May 12. A sensational police raid was carried out at Arcos House, in the city of London, where the Soviet trading organisations, bank, and Russian trade delegation, have offices. Hitherto there have been no arrests.

Callers in the afternoon found all the doors guarded, and the police refused them admission.

The Russian Embassy are unaware of the reasons for the raid, which it is understood was a very exhaustive one, but omitted the rooms occupied by the trade delegation, which it is believed enjoy diplomatic immunity.—*Reuter.*

A Very Thorough Search.

London, later. "They even made us turn out our pockets," declared a member of the Arcos staff on leaving the premises late to-night, referring to the thoroughness with which the police carried out the search, adding that they ransacked every department, especially the Russian trade delegation offices.

The examination was still proceeding late this evening, when General Sir Wyndham Childs, head of the special branch of Scotland Yard, arrived and entered the building, accompanied by a dozen or more police.

The bulk of the staff in the building, numbering several hundred, are still detained, half of them being English.—*Reuter.*

Police Rush Building.

London, May 13. The police terminated their inspection at midnight. A strong guard, however, remained outside and inside the building all night long.

The examination of files, books, and papers will be resumed in the morning, prior to the arrival of the employees.

The signal for the raid was given when three plain-clothes officers took up a position at the entrance to the building. The street immediately became alive with police, who appeared to spring from nowhere and rushed to their allotted positions. Telephone communication with the Arcos building was cut off.

There was the greatest excitement among crowds thronging the street, numbers of whom remained until past midnight.—*Reuter.*

Attempt to Burn Evidence.

Later. It is understood that despite the suddenness of the police entry, an attempt was made to burn certain papers.

Some of the keys of the safes are at present missing. The raid is consequently likely to be protracted.

The building contains an enormous number of documents and papers, among which have been found a number of propaganda films.—*Reuter.*

TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

A THREE-CORNERED RACE.

New York, May 12. The trans-Atlantic flight to Paris is now likely to develop into a three-cornered race. The Americans, Bertrand and Chamberlain, are awaiting a favourable weather report prior to taking-off, while the former Air Mail pilot, Captain Lindbergh, has arrived at New York with a monoplane in which he intends to attempt the flight alone.

Commander Byrd's machine is also tuning up in a series of tests prior to hopping-off.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JAPAN'S MORATORIUM.

NO PANIC ON WITHDRAWAL.

Tokyo, May 13. The moratorium ended yesterday evening, but everywhere quiet is reported, and there are no signs of bank runs. Stocks are registering rises.—*Reuter.*

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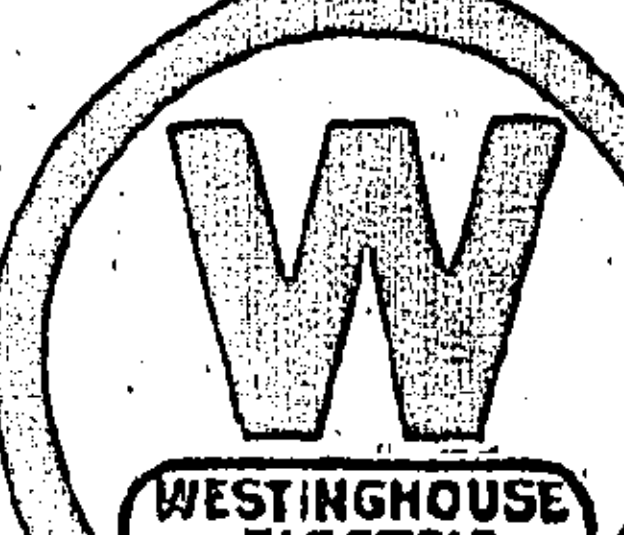
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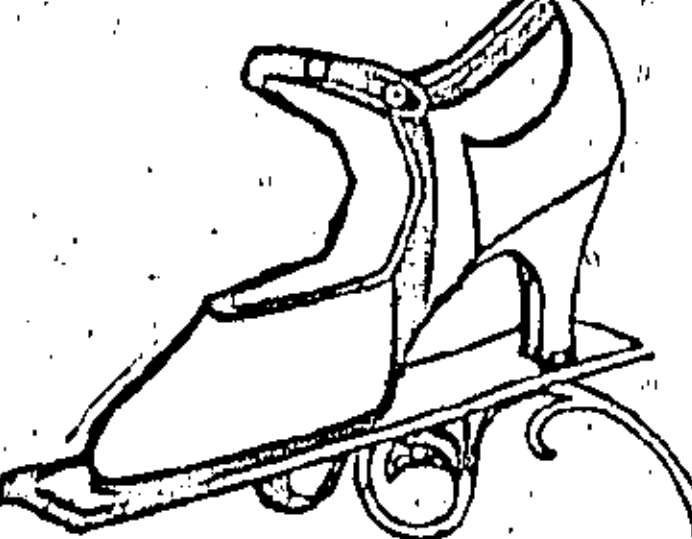
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THE LEUNG KWONG.

THE RESCUE OF CAPTAIN J. WILSON.

There was no further news yesterday relative to the Leung Kwong disaster, but a S. C. M. Post representative was successful in getting the master's report of the accident, when he appeared at the Harbour Office yesterday to render an official account of the happening.

It appears that Captain Wilson had some few minutes prior to the accident, turned over the watch to Chief Officer Martin, the ship having cleared the fairway with the Capsicum Light well in sight.

Captain Wilson states that on reaching his cabin, he heard two blasts sounded and immediately afterwards there was a crash. He proceeded to the bridge, by which time the vessel was sinking by the head.

He remained by the ship until she submerged, but while standing by, some of the top hamper fell and struck him on the right arm rendering that limb, useless. With the complete submergence of the ship, Captain Wilson took to the water and was able to reach some floating wreckage. He clung to this until an upturned boat came within his reach and he changed over to the more buoyant object, swimming with his uninjured arm. He is not able to state how long he remained in the water, but was sufficiently conscious to know that he was being pulled on board a rescue boat. This boat eventually proved to be one of the life boats despatched from the On Lee. On reaching harbour, Captain Wilson had recovered sufficiently to proceed on shore by a Police launch and make a report of the accident.

Last to Leave.

During the time he was in the water and subsequently, the rescued officer saw nothing of Chief Officer Martin or Chief Engineer Donaldson. He was the last to leave the ship so far as he is aware and with the sinking of the ship under him, had little time to make observations, with the night extremely dark and the general uproar in the vicinity of the wreck.

Chinese passengers had taken to the water and were calling for help, while rescue boats were busily engaged picking up those within reach. This duty was carried out in a commendable manner but under great difficulties.

Captain Wilson states further that he has been on the coast for 30 years. He first arrived here in 1882, when he and the Chief Officer of the ship he was then in, were put on shore suffering from fever. On recovery, he shipped in the Crusader as first mate and remained in her until 1887. Later he returned to England and came back here in 1897, where he has since remained. During the interval of '87 and '97, he was Chief Officer of the Ceylon Light Service, in which, appointment, she at that time being a Naval command he was superseded in, and later came North to Hongkong.

Since this date he has been in many ships on the China Coast his command of the Leung Kwong dating from 1921. The master of the Leung Kwong after more than 50 years at sea, has never hitherto been shipwrecked and it is not to be wondered at, that at this late stage in his career the disaster of Capsicum Pass has left him considerably shaken.

Enquiry to be Held.

It is understood that an enquiry into the circumstances of the collision will be held at an early date. Neither Captain Wilson, nor the lost officers, Chief Officer Martin and Chief Engineer Donaldson are members of the local Officers' Guild. Both have been on the coast for many years, however, and leave a host of friends.

LOOTING OF HANKOW.

CLAIMS FILED AMOUNT TO £2,000,000.

London, May 12.
British claims hitherto filed in connexion with the looting and destruction of property in Hankow on January 3 so far amount to £2,000,000.—*Reuter.*

loss as given in these columns yesterday, may be taken as substantially correct and that at least 60 Chinese passengers have been drowned.

Generous Help.

Vernacular papers, reporting the Capsicum collision state: Of the Leung Kwong crew and passengers, about 40 were saved by the lifeboats of the s.s. On Lee. Those who were saved by the fishing boats numbered about 60, who were later handed over to the On Lee. The Kwong Fook Cheung rescued 23, while the Moonshine picked up about 10.

When the 90 rescued persons had boarded the On Lee, the commander of the ship ordered congee to be served to them, and passengers on the vessel shared some of their dry clothes with the victims of the collision. About \$60 was collected on the On Lee, and to those whose destination was some distance away \$2 each was paid, while to those who were bound for a near destination \$1 was given. Those who wished to return to Hongkong had free passage, and 80 cents each.

About 20 passengers were rescued by the Kwong Fook Cheung. Some of them who had stayed in the water for some time were unconscious when taken on board. To them, medical treatment was at once given.

Six Bodies Picked Up.

The latest information regarding the Leung Kwong disaster is to the effect that five Chinese bodies, four men and one woman have been picked up, and also the body of a European officer, believed to be that of Chief Officer T. H. Martin. They were recovered last evening floating in the vicinity of the wreck, and were taken to the Kowloon mortuary, where identity is expected to be established to-day.

If the European body proved to be that of Mr. Martin there is still no news of the fate of Mr. A. Donaldson, the Chief Engineer. Both the s.s. On Lee, and the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheung, have now returned from Hongkong to which place they took passengers whom they rescued, but it is believed that what passengers were saved disembarked there, and only a number of the crew returned by those vessels to the colony.

There are accordingly no official statistics available regarding the number of passengers saved, but the following, being the majority of the crew have reported themselves: Li Yunt-po (accountant), Ip Sing-to (2nd. engineer), Chan Ping (3rd. engineer), Tam Fu, Leung Chau and Leung Chiu (seamen), Mok Cheung (carpenter), Chan To (compradore), Li Kwong, Lam Yan, Lam Ming, Lo Po, Lam Wing, and Lam Shek (coolies), Ngai Wong (dining room boy), Ngai Kan, and Li Yau-wing (waiters), Ip Pun, Lau Wing, and Kam In (boys), Ks Fui (tallyman), Yeung Ngau and Leung Ching (stokers), Ng Chiu (cabin boy), Yeung Fook, Kam Hing-sing, Cheung Tim, Ho Tung, and Cheung Wing (cooks), Wu King-ching (steward), Ip Kam-kwan (coal passer), Chan Ping-chung (fireman), Tam Ju (boatswain), Lo Tai (pilot), Chan To (oilier), and Tan Kau (quartermaster).

It is believed that a number of the crew were rescued by junks and sampans which came out from the shore after the mishap, and made their way back to Hongkong by various routes. It is possible that some passengers were rescued in a like manner but so far none, with the exception of the crew mentioned above, have reported their safety.

PUBLIC MONEY.

TOTAL OF \$70,000 TO BE VOTED TO-DAY.

The following items of supplementary expenditure, will be considered at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to be held this afternoon:

Public Works, Extraordinary: Exhumation and removal of burial remains from Tai Shek Ku, \$21,870.

As these remains were adjacent to the Kowloon Hospital Site their removal was requested early in 1925. The work was not actually carried out and completed until the end of 1926 nor was the bill received by the Public Works Department until January, 1927. It was considered desirable that the remains should be removed from such close proximity to the Hospital for sanitary reasons but it was not anticipated that such a large number would be discovered. The amount asked for is in accordance with the account presented by the Tung Wah Hospital through the Hon. S. C. A.

Miscellaneous Services: Loss on Copper Coins, \$6,000.

To replenish the stock of copper one cent pieces an order was placed with the Royal Mint for 2,500,000 coins. Delivery was effected in December last and it was then estimated that cost of this supply would be approximately \$32,000 as against the face value of \$25,000. A sum of \$7,000 was voted to cover this loss but owing to the Crown Agents not charging the cost until January, 1927, it becomes necessary to apply for a revote of \$6,000 which sum will now be sufficient. Steps are being taken to obviate such losses in future.

Imports and Exports Department: Special Expenditure: Revenue locks for Tobacco Warehouses, \$300.

Provision made in Estimates, \$1,000. The estimate obtained by the Crown Agents for 6 dozen Revenue locks has proved to be in excess of the amount voted in the Estimates for 1927, which was an approximate estimate only, no price list of such special goods being available locally when authority was obtained for inserting the item in the Estimates for 1927.

Public Works, Extraordinary: Reconstruction of Nullah on East side of M. L. No. 431, North Point, \$40,000.

Under condition (f) of the terms on which extensions of M. L. Nos. 430 and 431 were granted in 1923, Government is committed to a contribution of \$24,000 as part payment of this nullah. It is unlikely that any further extension of the reclamation eastwards will be undertaken for some time, and the nullah wall must therefore be increased in thickness as it will be required to function as a sea wall—the increase over and above the contribution referred to, is due to the increased cost of thicker wall now required. The amount was omitted from the Estimates for 1927 by an oversight.

Education Department: 22—University Examination Grants, \$2,545. Provision made in Estimates, \$12,000. The sub-head, "University Examination Grants" has been under-estimated by \$2,545. The entries for the Hong Kong University Local Examinations from English Grant in Aid Schools reached an unexpectedly high figure, being 128 more than in 1925 and 56 more than in 1924.

Under the Grant Code the Government undertake to pay:

1. \$30 for every candidate presented for Senior, and
2. \$15 for every candidate presented for Junior Examination
3. All entrance fees—in the case of Grant in Aid Schools.

TOO MUCH OIL.

RESTRICTION OF OVER-PRODUCTION.

Washington, May 12.

A leading group of oil producers has appealed to the Federal Government for aid in restricting over production, which it is declared, has occurred in an unprecedented form this year. It is proposed to work out a co-operative method of control through the joint purchase of several oil-producing lands. The Federal Oil Producers Board has promised to do everything possible to assist.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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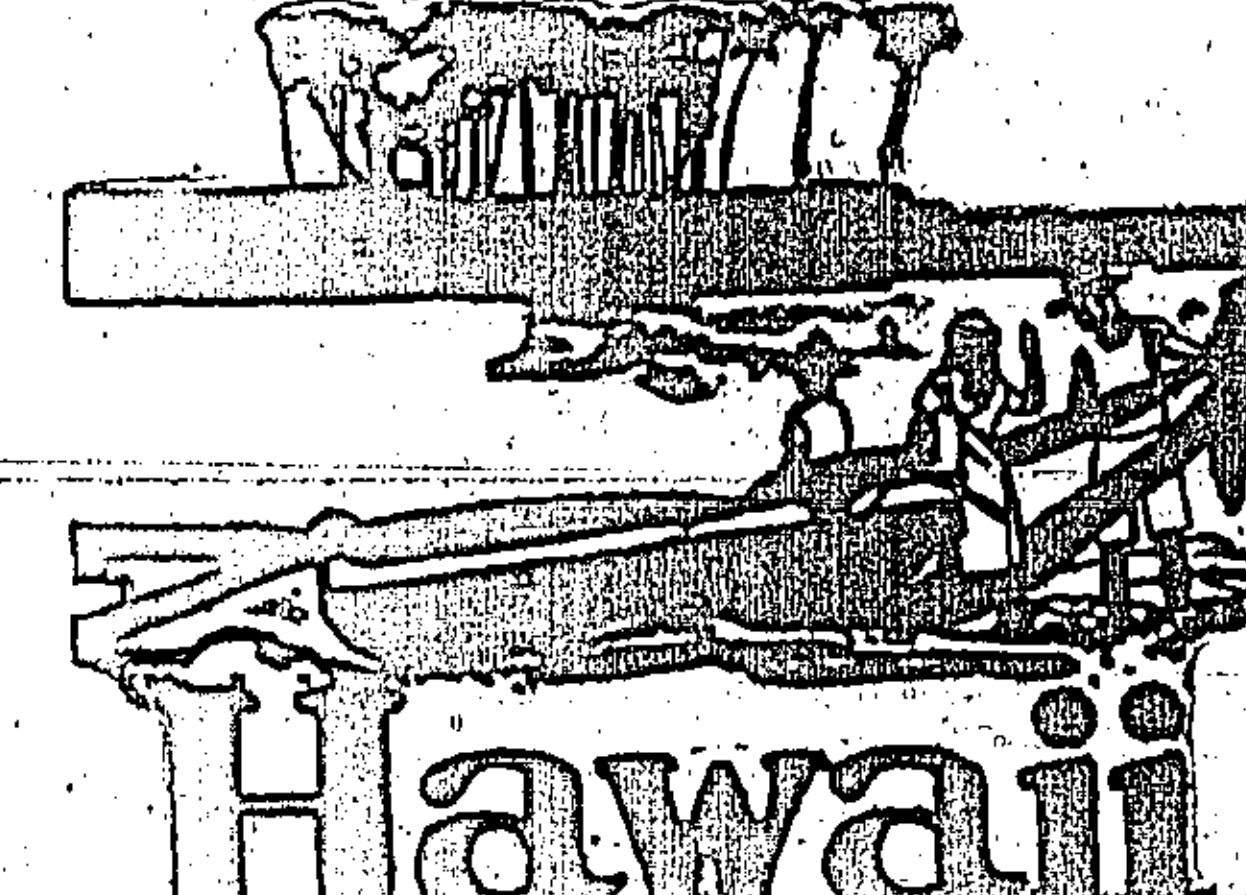
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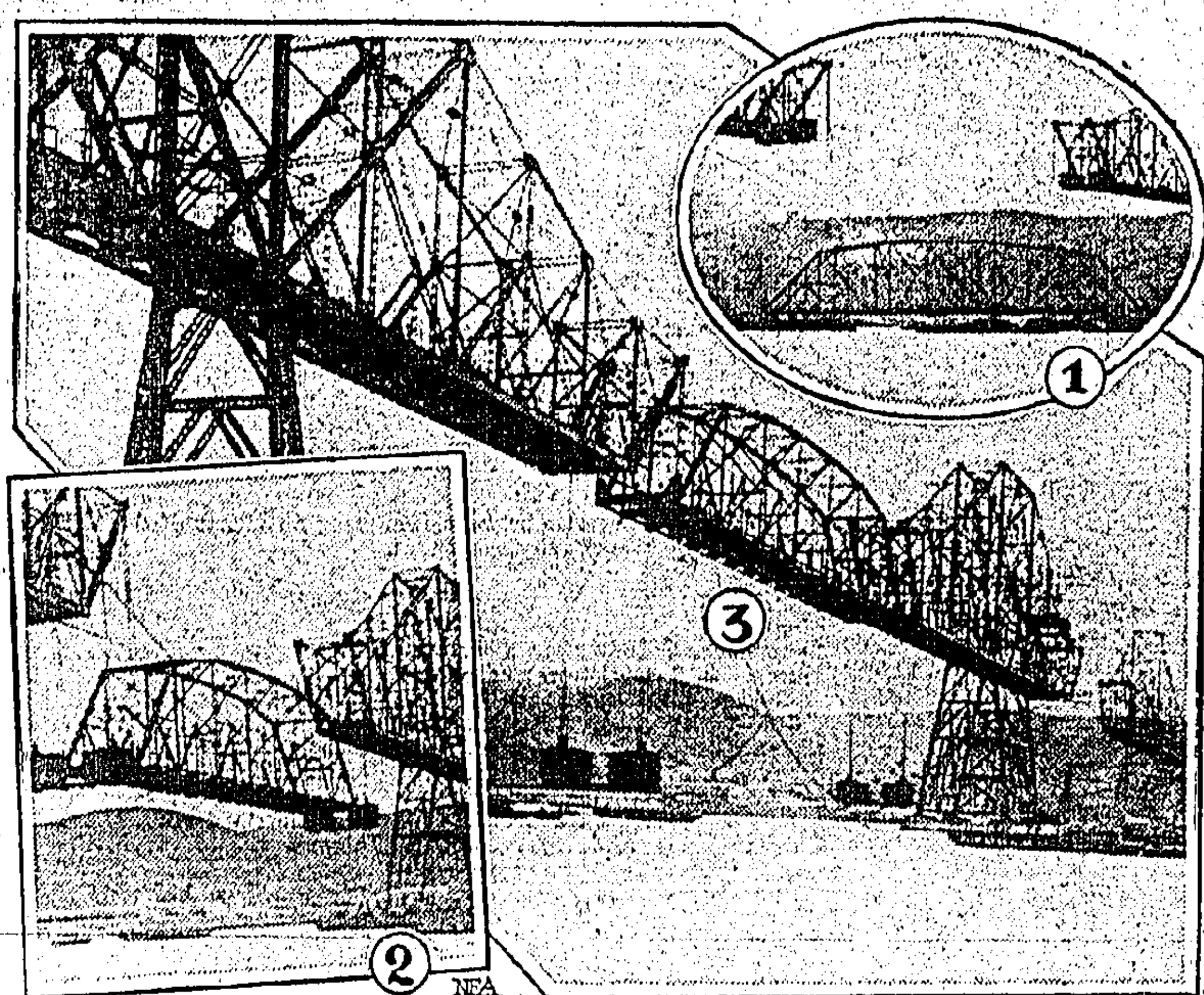
YOU SAVED MY LIFE—I'M MILLIONS—IN REAL ESTATE MAN—I'M GONNA MAKE YOU PRESIDENT OF MY COMPANY FOR THIS

POOH—NOT ME—

ARE YOU CRAZY—NOTS—I'D RATHER BE TURNING DOWN A TOP AS PRESIDENT

CAUSE THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR ADVANCEMENT

By Swan



BIG CANTILEVER BRIDGE.—Link by link, the strong arm of modern engineering is lifting into place the units of a 4,482-foot cantilever bridge across Carquinez Straits, the north branch of San Francisco Bay. The three stages of lifting a link into place are shown above. First the unit is brought up on a boat, then the lifting is begun by means of pulleys and weights. The bridge, one of the greatest in the world, will be opened on May 21, when President Coolidge touches a telegraph key in Washington.



FRED L. BLACK, business manager of the *Dearborn Independent*, Mr. Henry Ford's newspaper, is one of the important figures in the million dollar libel suit by Aaron Sapiro against the manufacturer, on trial at Detroit.



FRANK O. LOWDEN, former governor of Illinois, has been associated with Mr. Aaron Sapiro in his farming, marketing, and organizations. He may testify for Mr. Sapiro, in the suit against Mr. Ford.

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(as illustration)



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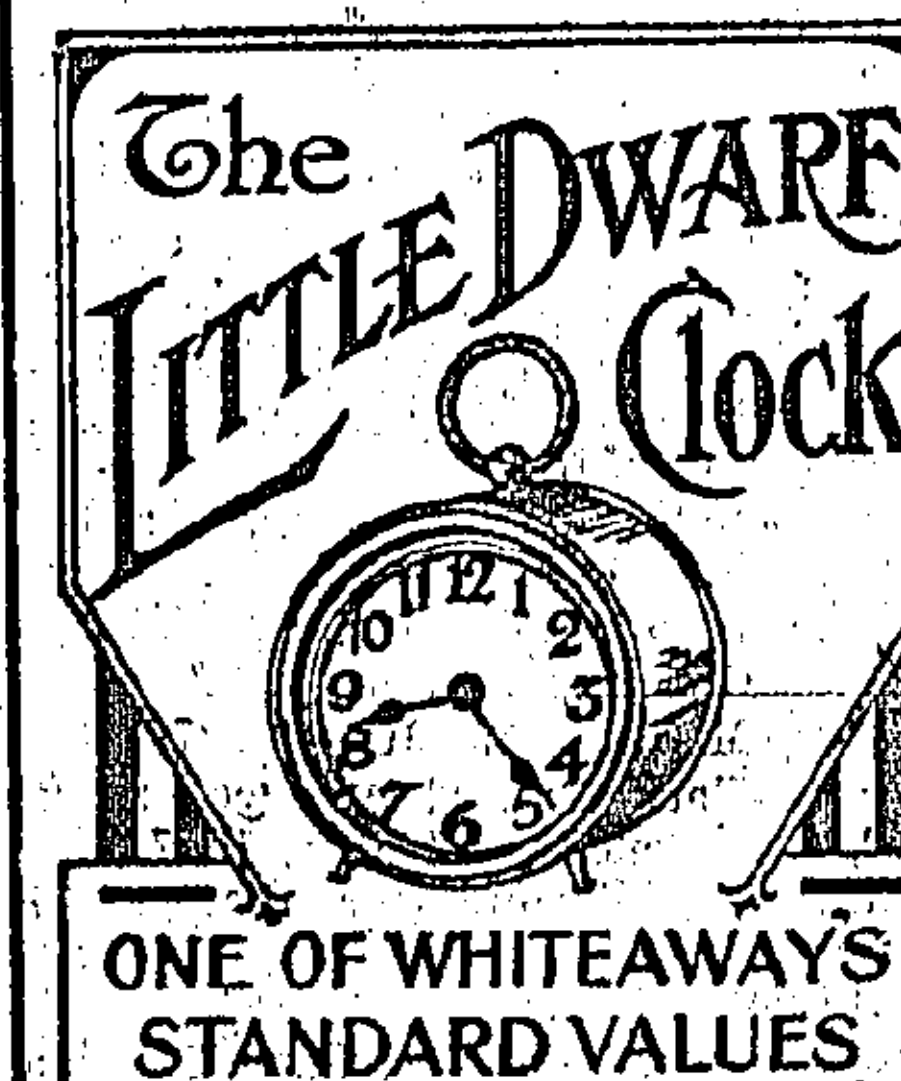
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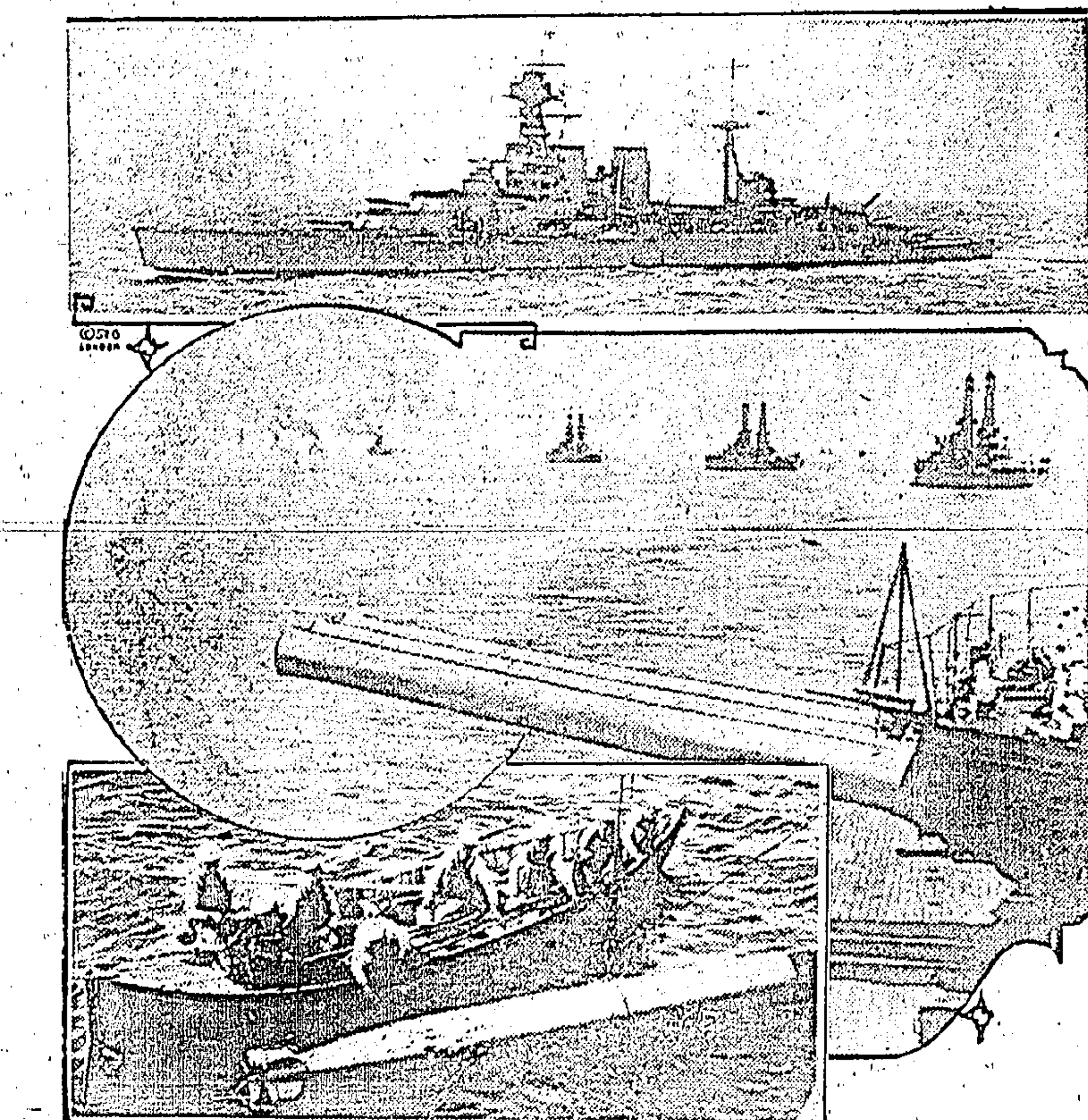
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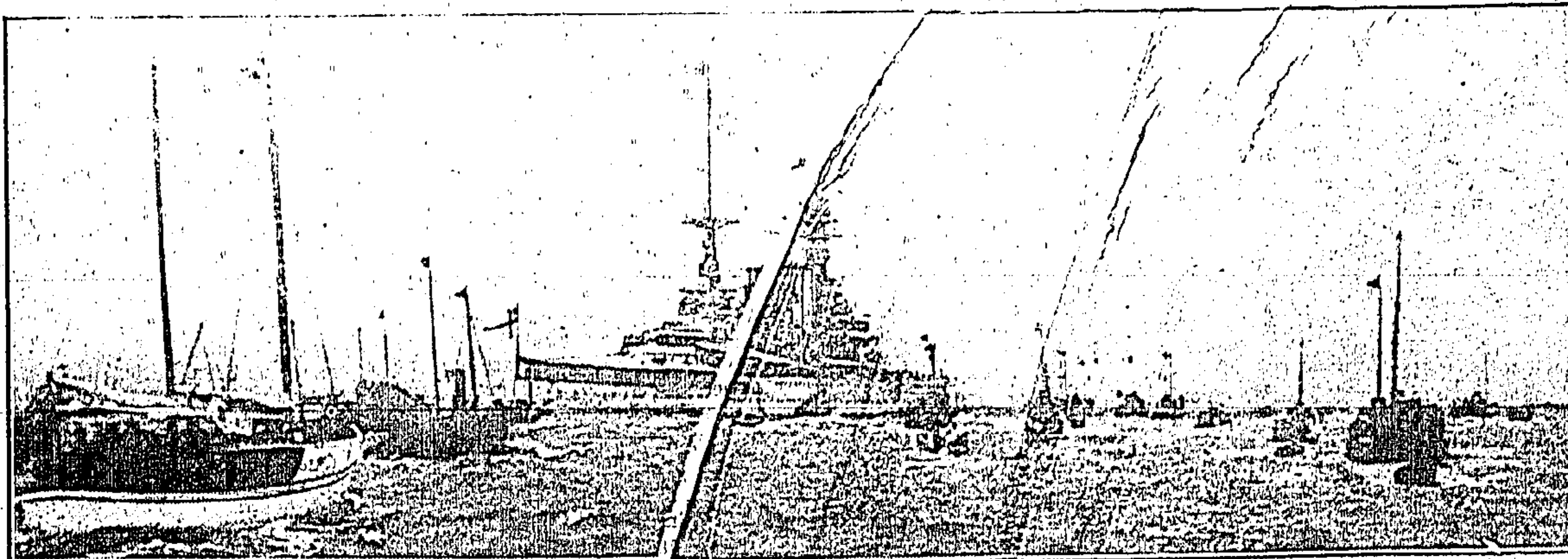
NAVAL LIMITATION QUESTIONS.—"Limit the big guns all you want but leave us our torpedoes," say France and Italy in effect. And because of their attitude Great Britain is expected to assume a similarly uncompromising position at the three-power naval conference. These are the heavy-gunned men-of-war in question; the British dreadnought "Hood" (above), and the American fleet in battle training (centre); below, British sailors recover a torpedo fired in target practice. Torpedoes are among the principal offensive armaments of the cruisers, submarines and destroyers France and Italy wish to keep.



CROWNING GLORY.—Hair being woman's crowning glory, Miss Jackie Walls of Detroit has a coronet and enough left over for a royal robe. Her curls measure 81 inches. They touch her shootops, even when curled and twisted.



MRS. AARON SAPIRO, wife of the Chicago attorney and organizer of farm co-operatives, who is suing Mr. Henry Ford for \$1,000,000, is one of the interested spectators in the court room at Detroit.



DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK'S TOUR.—The battle-cruiser *Renown* entering Auckland harbour escorted by pleasure craft, of which a multitude crowded round to offer the first welcome. The harbour and beaches were lined by thousands of people. The *Renown* is conveying the Duke and Duchess of York on their tour, and they recently rejoined the warship at Melbourne. (Times copyright).



STUDY AT THE ZOO.—One of the London Zoo otters caught taking a hurried look round on emerging from the water. (Times copyright).

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TO LET.—The First floor on No. 2, Hart Avenue. (Five rooms). Apply to Spanish Dominican Procurator.

TO LET.—From 1st June, furnished flat at Mount Kellet, No. 196, The Peak. Apply Property Office, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

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TO LET.—European Flat, 29A, Kennedy Road, 4 rooms 2 bathrooms servants quarters. Apply Telephone C547, or Thornhill Aerated Water Factory, 154, Praya East.

TO LET.—SHIPPING OFFICES in Connaught Road Central, Nos. 16, 18 & 19, Ground Floors; Nos. 16, 17 & 18, 1st Floor; No. 16, Second Floor. Please apply S. K. Trust Ltd., 29, Connaught Road, Central.

TO LET.—Furnished flat on Peak to let: two bedrooms with bathrooms, two reception rooms and enclosed Verandah. Modern Sanitation. Immediate Possession. Apply Box No. 207, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

TO LET.—Furnished House, 300, The Peak, from 1st June to 30th September, 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms. Modern Sanitation, all conveniences. Present Tenants will sublet at much reduced rent. Apply Box No. 214, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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LOST.—On 11th May, Brown Pointer Bitch, "9 Leighton Hill" engraved on collar. Will finder please return to W. Russell, Government Marine Surveyor?

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, on Saturday, the 21st of May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st of December 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 21st of May, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong 6th May, 1927.

NOTICE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Saturday, May 14th, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st, 1926; to confirm the appointment of Two Directors, and to elect Two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, D. L. KING, Secretary, Hongkong, May 2, 1927.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

TO SHAREHOLDERS & OTHERS HOLDING POWERS OF ATTORNEY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of Article 81 of the Articles of Association all Powers of Attorney under which any shareholder intends to vote on the Poll to be held at the Registered Office of the Company on the 18th INSTANT must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not less than FORTY EIGHT hours before the time for holding of such Poll notwithstanding that such Powers of Attorney have already been produced to and noted by the Company.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1927

By Order of the Board, D. L. KING, Secretary, Hongkong, 5th May, 1927.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Office of the O.C., R.A.S.C., Headquarters, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong until 12 noon on the dates stated, for the undermentioned services for the periods as stated:—

For a period of six months commencing 1st July, 1927.

Coal, Japanese House, 31st May, 1927.

Coal, Japanese Steam, 31st May, 1927.

Coal, Smiths, 31st May, 1927.

Sugar, White granulated, 1st June, 1927.

Salt, Chinese best, 1st June, 1927.

Potatoes, 1st June, 1927.

Onions, 1st June, 1927.

Mustard, 1st June, 1927.

For a period of three months commencing 1st July, 1927.

Oil, Ground, for Lamps, 31st May, 1927.

Paraffin or Petroleum, 31st May, 1927.

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Shavings, Rattan, 31st May, 1927.

Lime, 31st May, 1927.

Tender Forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily except Sundays.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1926.

JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY LIMITED, General Agents, Hongkong, 26th April, 1927.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

EIGHTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

Saturday, 14th May, 1927, at 9.15 p.m. at the

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENT. Featherweight Championship of the Colony 15 Round Contest.

A. B. Halligan, H.M.S. "Frobisher."

A. B. Hindle, H.M.S. "Delhi."

Five other contests.

Booking at Moultres.

Members—11th and 12th May.

General Public—13th and 14th May.

USUAL PRICES.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY.

the 13th May, 1927, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Particular from Catalogue.)

On View from Thursday, the 12th May, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY,

the 14th May, 1927, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at No. 5, Carnarvon Building, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—

Teak Bookcase, Chesterfield

Couch and Chairs, Card Table,

Curios, Brass Ornaments, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Table, Teak Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Dinner Service, Glass Ware, Aluminium Ware, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.

Teak Bedsteads with Wire Mattress, Mattress & Pillows, Chest of Drawers, Dressing Table with Bevelled Mirror, Rugs, Wardrobe, Washstand, etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Friday, the 13th May, 1927.

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LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,

the 18th May, 1927, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

At No. 23, Humphreys Building, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—

Teak Hatstand, Chesterfield

Couch and Chairs, Teak Glass Cabinet, Teak Screens, Teak Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Dining Table, Washstand, Teak Dressing Table and Chairs, Bookcases, Carpets, Rugs, Pictures, Ornaments, etc., etc.

also

A Few Pieces of Blackwood Furniture.

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WE HEAR MUCH NOWADAYS

about "self-expression of the child," educationalists contending that self-expression on the part of children should be fostered and not restricted. But what of the child that is unable to express itself—the very young child that is ailing and is unable to explain its symptoms?

For such, Baby's Own Tablets constitute the speediest means of relief, particularly in those common maladies which arise from derangement of the digestive and allied functions, and which, like teething, react upon the child's nervous system. Baby's Own Tablets are guaranteed to contain no narcotics nor noxious drugs. They have proved in innumerable instances exactly the right remedy to use in cases of infantile indigestion, constipation, colic, teething troubles and worms. They quickly reduce feverishness, check diarrhoea, relieve cramp and colds, restore the fretful, ailing child to happiness and health.

Of chemists everywhere, or post free, 60 cents the vial, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1,085 s.
Chartered Bank, \$20 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$30 n.
Mercantile C., \$13 n.
P. and O., \$25 s.
East Asia, \$68 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$660 n.
China Underwriters, \$80 n.
North China, Tls. 143 b.
Union Ins., \$291 b.
Yankee Ins., \$38 n.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$205 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$600 n.

Shipping

Douglases, \$31 n.
Steamboats, \$21 b.
Tugs, \$1.10 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 94/- s.
Star Ferries, \$53 b.
Waterboats, \$141 b.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$19 b.
Malabons, \$31 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$1.70 b.
Kailans, 38/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 21 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 4 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.
Rauba, \$4 n.
Tronahs, 21/- n.
Ural Caspian, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$98 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$38 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 135 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 b.
Shanghai Docks Tls. 104 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.05 b.
H.K. Lands, \$54 b.
Realty, \$6 n.
Territorials, \$11 n.
Humphreys, \$121 n.
Princes Bldg, \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$14 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 72 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 51 b.

Buses, Trams.

China Buses, Tls. 9 n.
Tramways, \$20 s.
Peak Trams, (old) 15 n.
Spore Traction, \$105 n.
Taxis, \$1 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19 b.
Canton Ice, \$5 s.
Cements (Comb.), \$7 n.
China Lights, \$12.60 b.
China Prov., \$4.40 b.
Constructions, \$2.30 n.
Dairy Farms, \$151 s.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$54 s.
Macao Electric, \$35 b.
Ropes (Old), \$10 n.
Lane Crawford, \$7 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 s.
Sinceres, \$9 b.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons \$11 n.
Powells, \$6 n.
Telephone, 3.70 n.

Following the demolition of the ancient chapel of Rotherwas' Mansion, near Hereford, Mrs. Dean, of Holme Lacy, picked up on the roadside one of the stones which broke in two, and she found in it a document, together with a bottle of holy water, a bottle of oil, a number of medals supposed to have healing properties, and other articles. The document, signed by four members of the Bodenham family, asks for a blessing on the house, which is now demolished, and which was erected in 1732.

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Italian Spaghetti

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MAGASIN GENERAL.

Beaconsfield Arcade.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

RADIO TELEGRAMS may now be accepted for Hongkong under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

During the interruption of the Hongkong-Macao cable service the Macao Radio Station will remain open for the exchange of telegrams with Hongkong from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Hongkong Station is always open and messages are accepted at any time throughout the 24 hours.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Radio Telegraph Service between Hongkong and Swatow has been resumed and telegrams for Swatow are now accepted under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

Parcels Post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Date
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Nellore	May 13.
Europe via Suez (letters and parcels)		
London 14th April, and parcels		
Shanghai	Kashmir	May 13.
Straits	Sochow	May 14.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	May 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	May 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Talamba	May 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	May 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	May 20.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Tango Maru	May 20.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Mishima Maru	May 24.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	May 29.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Samshul and Wuchow	Kochow	Fri., May 13, 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Nellore	Fri., May 13.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	5 p.m.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	Kowloon P. O.	
	Parcels	5 p.m.
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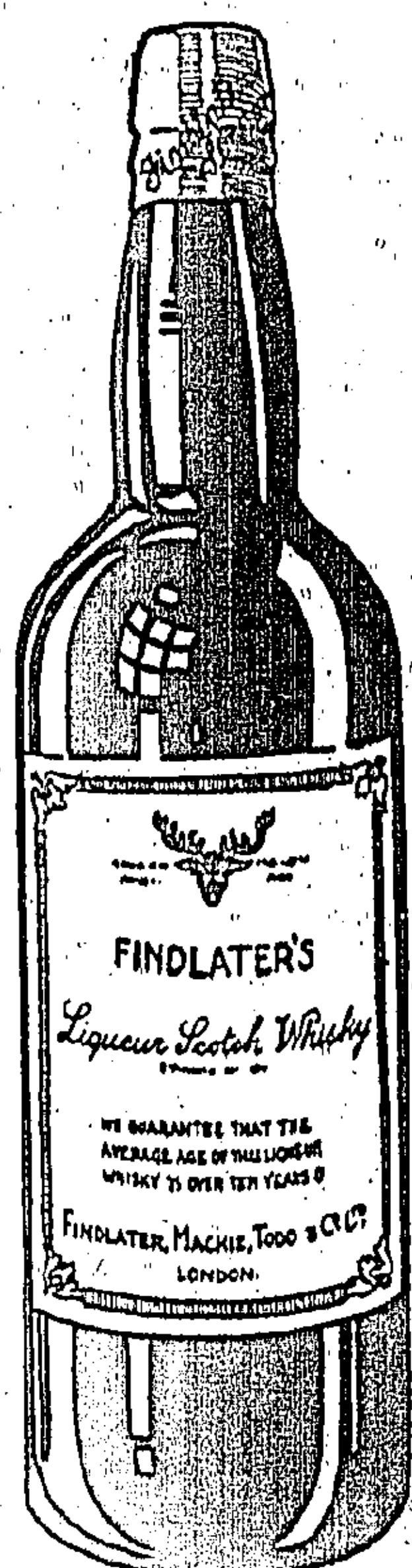


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WEDDING RECEPTION.

FELICITOUS SPEECHES.

In connexion with the wedding yesterday afternoon, before the Registrar of Marriages, between Miss Edith Lam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lam, and Mr. M. H. Lo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lo Cheung-shiu, the reception which followed was very largely attended. The lawn in front of "Woodgreen", Conduit Road, the residence of the bridegroom's parents, was decorated with bunting, and the many personal friends of the newly-married couple assembled to offer congratulations.

The Reception.

In proposing the toast of the bride and bridegroom Mr. R. E. Lindsell said that he felt it a very great honour to have been invited, as an old friend of the family to propose the toast. Mr. Punch had once given advice to those about to be married, in the one word, "Don't," but though he was a very crabbed old man, he (the speaker) did not believe Mr. Punch would have given that advice if he had met yesterday's happy couple.

Continuing, Mr. Lindsell said that he had known Mr. Lo firstly as a commercial magnate, secondly as a tennis player, although it was rumoured that he was recently beaten in three straight sets by his sister. (Laughter),—and thirdly because he was a devotee to games of skill at the card table in which he helped his brothers to lighten the pockets of others not excepting his father (Laughter).

"In short," continued Mr. R. E. Lindsell, "he is a thorough sportsman and the best of good fellows." (Applause).

Proceeding, Mr. Lindsell said, "the bride I have not had the honour or pleasure to meet until today, but I know she is the daughter of an old and honoured Government servant. Now that I have met her I realise he is a lucky man. This union of commerce and Government is a most auspicious one. (Laughter).

A Lottery.

Marriage is said by most people to be a lottery in which only one out of every thousand numbers draws a prize. But obviously in this case both parties have drawn winning numbers.

I will now ask you to join me by drinking to the health, wealth, prosperity and long life—*fu shau hong ning*—and above all happiness—*ting sham sho yuk*—of the bride and bridegroom.

The toast having been honoured the bridegroom replying said, "among my failings, speech-making must be accorded a prominent place. I desire to express on behalf of my wife and myself our sincere thanks to Mr. Lindsell, an old and intimate friend of the family, for the very kind words with which he proposed our toast, and I thank you all for the cordial manner in which you responded.

I thank you all for the very wonderful presents which we shall always treasure as tokens of your kind wishes for our future happiness. I shall strive to make your kind wishes come true.

Before I conclude I wish also to tender thanks to you for honouring us with your presence to-day. This materially adds to the joy and happiness of this occasion, which to us is the extreme event in our lives."

Guests.

The large gathering at the reception included many prominent and well-known local residents, both Chinese and foreign. Invitations were sent to and accepted by Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Dr. R. H. and Mrs. Kotewall, Messrs. Li Yau-chuen, Li Po-kwai, Li Yik-mui, Li Hing-tung, H. Kwai, Ho Kom-tong, Tam Woon-tong, Kwok Siu-lau, Tse Ka-po, Tang Chee-ngan, Ho Wing, Yung Tsz-ming, Ho Lu, Ho Leung, Ip Lan-chuen, B. Wong, Tang Shu-kin, Leung Put-yue, S. M. Churn, F. Grosse, Ho Ki, Dr. S. C. Ho and many others.

The couple later departed under showers of confetti for Repulse Bay, where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride leaving in a dress of fawn georgette.

KOWLOON TONG.

BUS SERVICE DISCUSSED BY THE K.R.A.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday evening in St. Andrew's Church Hall, the President, Mr. W.J. Stokes, occupying the chair.

The Rev. G.R. Lindsay having resigned from the Board of Education, the meeting unanimously decided to recommend Mr. B. Wylie to the Government for appointment to the Board.

It was stated that the Kowloon Motor Bus Company was now running a service from the Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Prince Edward Road to suit the convenience of Kowloon Tong residents. While appreciating this new departure, the Committee considered that the arrangements made were not so good as they might be.

It was pointed out that buses leaving the Star Ferry for Kowloon Tong were often filled by passengers destined for intermediate points, with the result that Kowloon Tong residents could not be accommodated.

Similarly, and particularly in the mornings, buses from Kowloon City were found by residents awaiting transport, to be already occupied before reaching Kowloon Tong. It was decided to write to the Company and ask that non-stop buses be placed on the run, and that a certain number of vehicles be run specifically to and from the Estate where, it was pointed out, there were suitable facilities to form a terminus. It was also suggested that possibly at certain periods, arrangements could be made to take up school children in the neighbourhood of Austin Road.

Entertainment Prospects.

Correspondence was read dealing with the dimensions of the arena proposed to be set apart for the burial of Chinese Roman Catholics and the matter was referred to certain members of the Committee, who were instructed to secure the necessary details.

Reports were received from the Children's Playground and Bathing Facilities Sub-Committee. An Entertainment Sub-Committee was elected to report on the prospects of having open-air band concerts and community singing on occasions during the summer.

The Hon. Treasurer, in his quarterly report, stated that the balance in hand was \$893.87 and that there were now 253 members on the register. During the past month the following new members were elected: Capt. E. Walker, the Rev. W. Walker, Rogers, Messrs. T.G. Stokes, C.G. Harrison, A.E.S. Alves and Gerhardt Weber.

\$2,000,000 FORGERIES.

BOGUS CIGARETTE TAX LABELS.

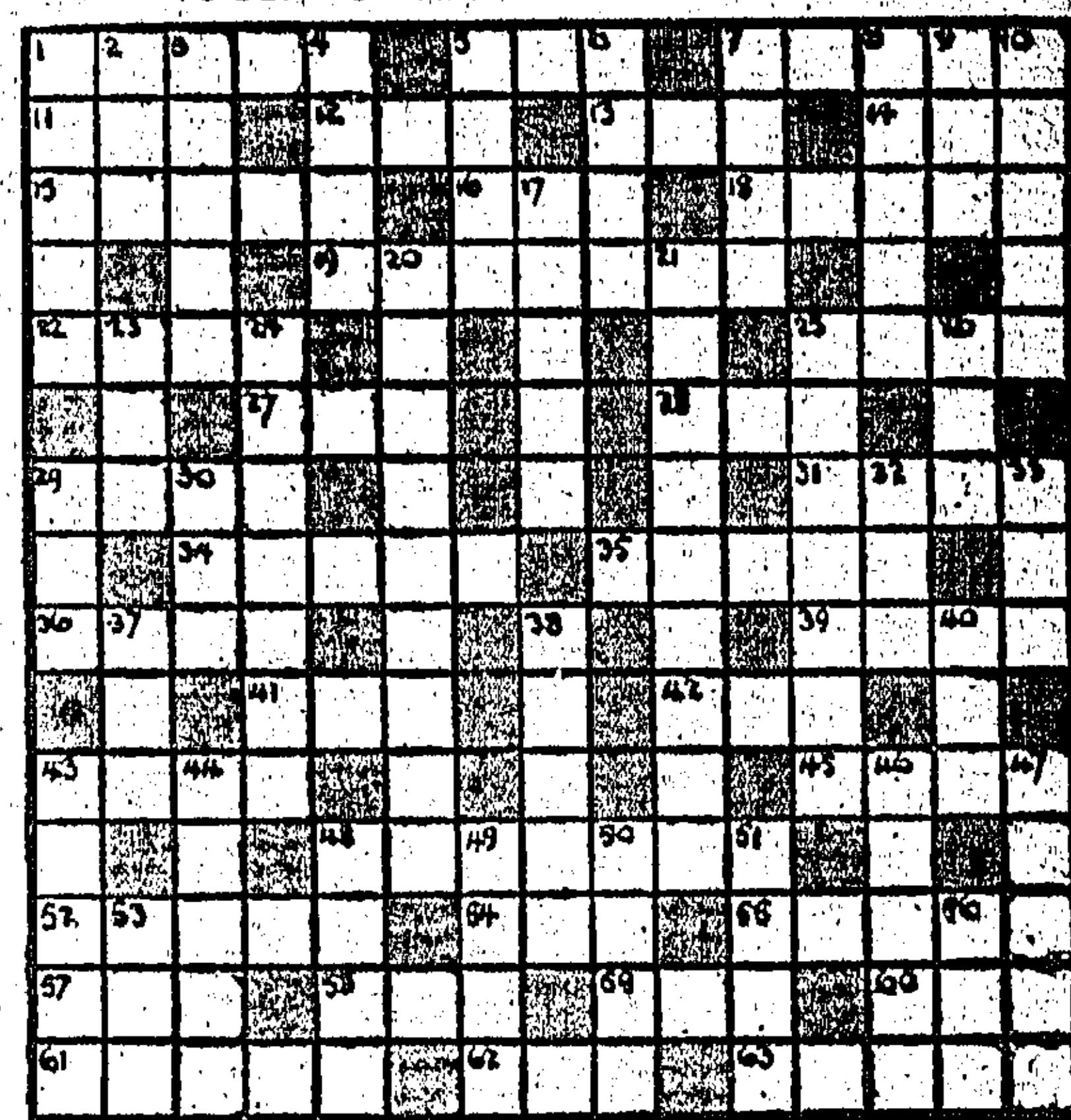
Berlin, April 12.
Forgeries by which the German Government has already been swindled of more than \$2,000,000 have just been discovered and many arrests made.

The first hint was obtained last August when a private firm making a popular cigarette found that a rival was forging its trademark and packing. The police further discovered that the rival firm was also forging the tax labels which the makers of cigarettes are, by law, obliged to buy and stick on every packet of cigarettes.

The matter was hushed up for a time, so that further inquiries could be made, whereupon it was found that the same kind of fraud was being practised in Berlin, Cologne, Dortmund, Hamburg, and other cities. Even old established firms were said to be using the forged stamps.

Yesterday 20 arrests were made in Hamburg, and from the partial confessions made it appears that the forged labels were made in Saxony.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

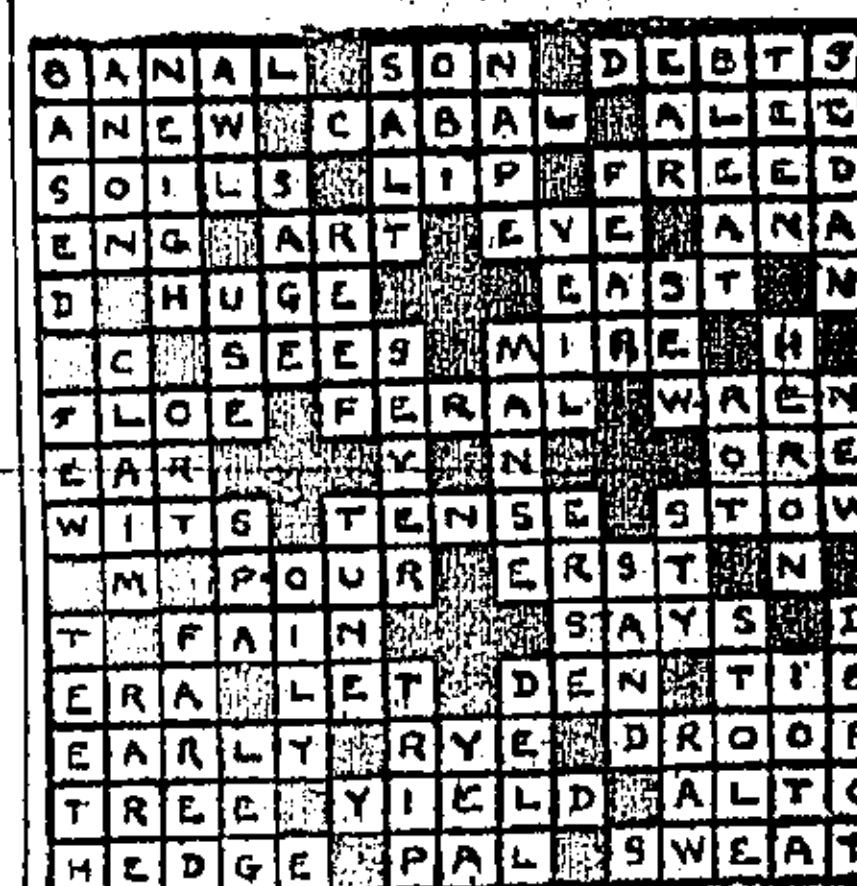
- 1 Intended.
- 5 Dexterity.
- 7 Repasts.
- 11 Virgin metal.
- 12 Rodent.
- 13 Era.
- 14 Tap.
- 15 Earth.
- 16 Propels a boat.
- 18 Look fixedly.
- 19 Cigarette.
- 22 Observed.
- 25 Pace.
- 27 Not in.
- 28 Track of a wheel.
- 29 Tiller of ship.
- 31 Employer.
- 34 Pertaining to oil.
- 35 Course.
- 36 Early.
- 39 Story.
- 41 Alcoholic beverage.
- 42 Anger.
- 43 Coat barge.
- 45 Ceremonial.
- 48 Fair coloured persons.
- 52 On fire.
- 54 Portuguese coin.
- 55 Kind of turban.
- 57 Tun.
- 58 Hall.
- 59 Used in billiards.
- 60 Small bit.
- 61 Bull.
- 62 Sent of episcopal power.
- 63 Subject written upon.

Down.

- 1 Akin to butterflies.
- 2 Before.
- 3 Eagle's nest.
- 4 Electric vehicle.
- 5 Small particle.
- 6 Pacific Island plant.
- 7 Insure.

- 8 Separate.
- 9 Roman deity.
- 10 Sharp gradient.
- 17 Extinct pine tree resin.
- 20 Celestial.
- 21 Impress with terror.
- 23 Organ of sight.
- 24 Not real.
- 25 Stammer.
- 26 Give sparingly.
- 29 Pertaining to him.
- 30 Card game.
- 32 Ocean.
- 33 Deer.
- 37 Unit.
- 38 Stage.
- 40 Large number.
- 43 Rascal.
- 44 Best.
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- 47 Exalt.
- 48 Vanquish.
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EX-WIDOW MEETS HIS DOUBLED.

A worthy citizen of St. Etienne was reading his newspaper in a tramway-car when a recently remarried widow, whose first husband had been regarded as having died abroad, claimed him as her long-lost spouse.

She cross-examined him in detail, but the man stoutly maintained that he was a bachelor. The ex-widow as firmly disagreed, and insisted that the tramway-car be stopped and a policeman called.

"You can easily prove that this man is my dead husband," she told the constable, "because he is tattooed all over his body." The policeman took them to the police station followed by a highly-amused crowd. There the esteemed citizen was compelled to strip before the inspector who was then able to satisfy the woman that the bachelor was not tattooed and therefore was not her first husband.

PRINCESS'S APPEAL.

COMMON FRONT AGAINST THE "REDS."

A powerful appeal for a common front against Communism by the civilised nations of the world is put forward by Princess Palei, widow of the Grand Duke Paul of Russia, who in a letter to the *London Times* declares that Chang Tso-lin, the Northern Chinese leader, is showing a fine spirit of patriotism and civic courage in opposing the Bolsheviks where other nations have hesitated.

"If only the French Government (she writes) would have the curiosity to find out what is going on at 79, Rue de Grenelle (the Soviet Embassy in Paris) instead of worrying itself about negotiations concerning Russian debts, which the Bolsheviks will never pay! "Great Britain at last seems to have understood, and it is probably from her that will come salvation. Will France, which generally is at the head of noble and fine ideals, allow another nation to have the honour of saving Europe?"

VACCINATION AGAINST COLDS.

CURE BETTER THAN PREVENTION.

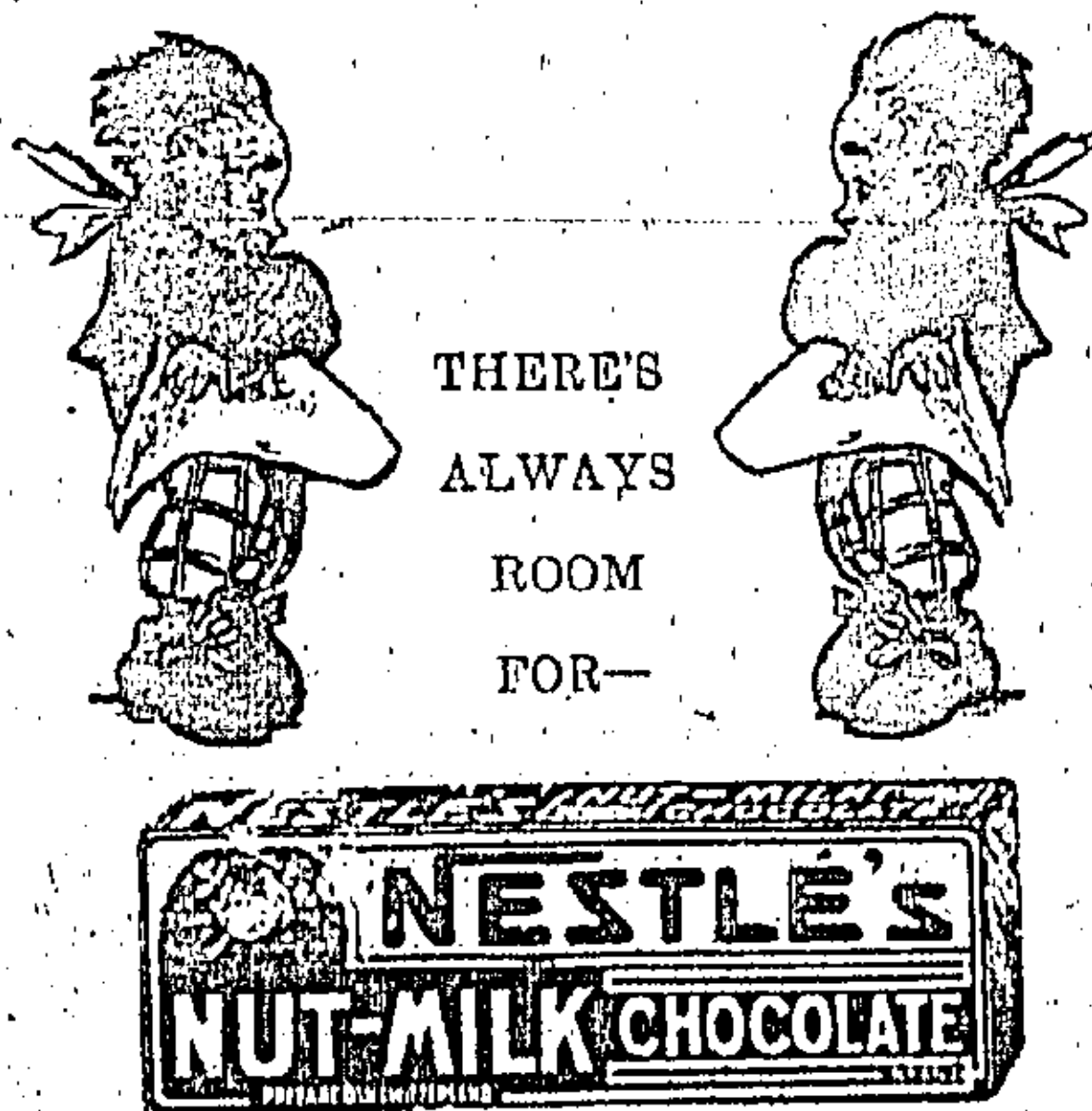
The conclusion that vaccination against colds had no preventive value is suggested by the results of an experiment made at Manchester University by Dr. F. R. Ferguson, Dr. A. F. Davey, and Dr. W. W. C. Topley.

Of 286 students and staff of the university 138 were inoculated with a stock vaccine containing eight different kinds of microbes, and 148 were not inoculated.

The results during a period of seven months, recorded in the *Journal of Hygiene*, showed that the 138 inoculated persons suffered from 203 colds, the 148 uninoculated persons had 168 colds, and the average duration of the colds among the inoculated was 13 days, and among the uninoculated 10½ days.

The investigators, however, think the evidence does not justify with certainty the conclusion that the vaccine caused harm.

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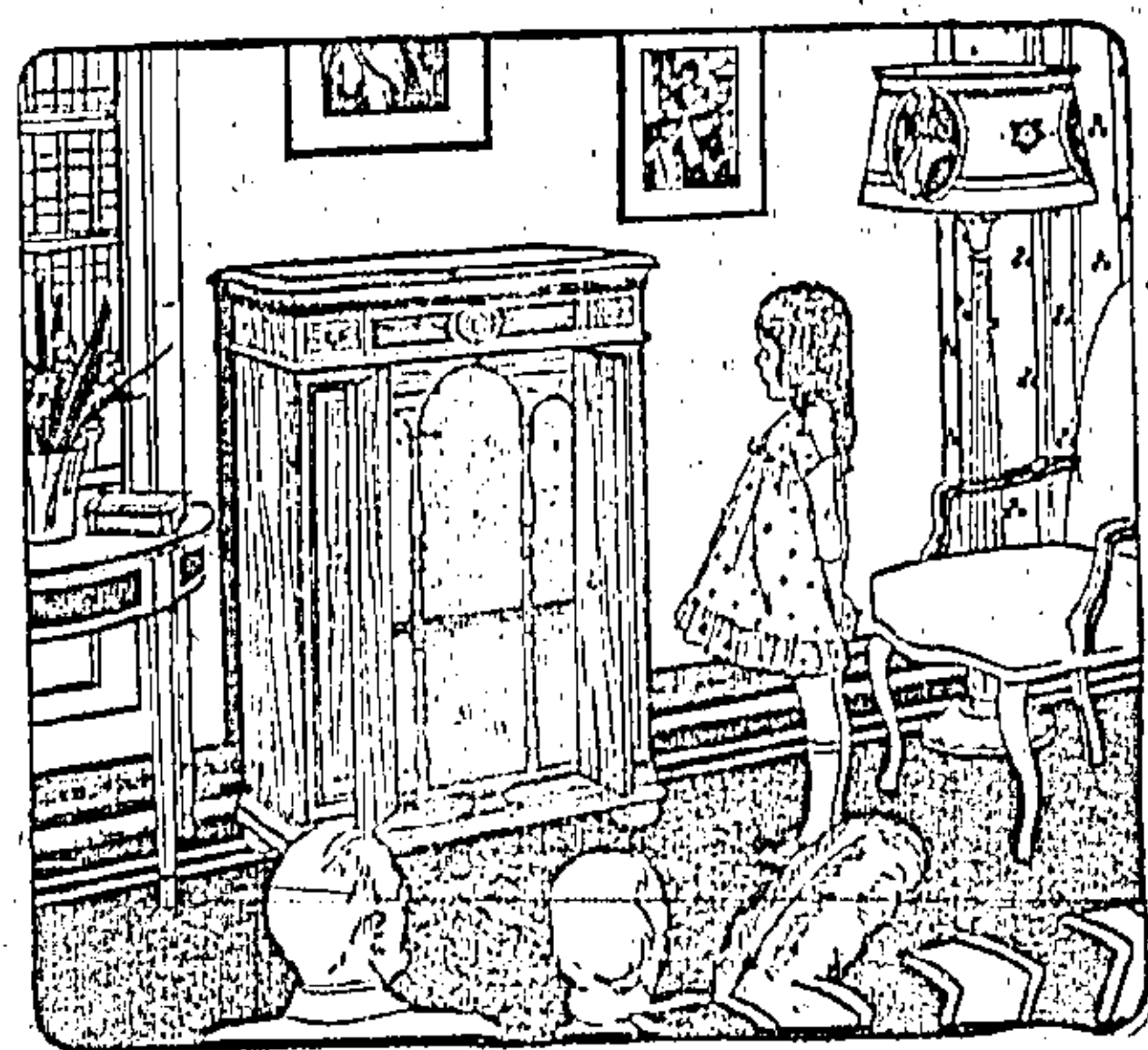
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BUYING OFF STRIKERS.

The body at Canton which has come to be generally known as the Hongkong strikers, is still very much in existence, although, so far as this Colony is concerned, a spent force. Of the large number of workmen who left here at the time of the Canton boycott, some have died, others have found occupation in their native province, and many others are back at their tasks in Hongkong; but a proportion of the strike body, the notorious pickets and lawless rabble of about a year ago, are still at Canton, and without employment. Their support has now become a charge on the Government there, and, as part of the bargain struck with them when the Nationalist regime called off the boycott, they have to be compensated by instalments. Their continued dependence on the administration that used them to some purpose in 1925, has already proved an embarrassment, and no doubt an unpleasant reminder of a tragic, inconclusive effort to cause this Colony permanent injury. Until they have been paid off they threaten to form a drag on the administration, and a constant sore on the body politic. Their elimination from the scheme of things has become one of the needs in the Nationalists' present programme. Just how long it will take to effect this, however, is still a matter for conjecture.

Some idea of the embarrassment that the Hongkong strikers imply to the ruling body at Canton may be gathered from the news item we published yesterday concerning a scheme to meet their requirements, by means of a loan of \$1,500,000, levied from the Cantonese merchants and shopkeepers. Levied is the word, for apparently the idea is a quota of a really compulsory nature. Even eventual repayment of this loan does not do away with the fact that the mercantile community is being called upon, after all they have had to suffer already, to buy off a discontented section of the population that has never been popular with the other classes, and, indeed, is well hated by a large part of the business interests. These strikers have been at the bottom of the greater part of the agitations that have from time to time dislocated business conditions in Canton, and their ranks have contained a large

number of the reddest of the "Reds." Recent events in Kwangtung have subdued the disorderly element, but the remnants of the at one time all-powerful Hongkong Strike Committee, and its following, remain a charge on the public revenues of the province. No doubt the merchants will be as pleased to see the last of them as the Government itself, and subscriptions to the loan should not be difficult to obtain.

This million and a half of dollars is described as "a special fund to dispose of the Canton-Hongkong strikers." When they have been duly disposed of, everyone will probably sigh with relief, but, the monetary obligation fulfilled, what of the men themselves? They are not likely to be absorbed readily into useful, permanent occupations. Even as a mere nucleus, they will remain to be mischief-makers at any favourable opportunity, and become again a thorn in the side of those who originally fostered their growth. The Canton Government has by encouraging the Strike Committee forged a weapon which has proved an unwieldy instrument to handle and decidedly difficult to get rid of.

Speculations.

Now that General Yang Sen, the notorious Szechuan war-lord, has definitely taken the offensive against the Hankow Communists it is more certain than ever that the doom of the stranded remnant at the great central Yangtze port is not a long way off, barring some altogether unexpected turn of events. The fall of Ichang and Shasi marks the beginning of what should be a triumphant descent of the Yangtze and Han rivers, for it must be borne in mind that the Hankow forces are divided up to defend at least three fronts—one down-stream to the east, where Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's forces have taken Kiating, one to the north where the Fengtien troops are pushing their way down the Hankow-Tientsin railway, and one to the east, facing the challenge of General Yang Sen. There is also disaffection to the south, although it is reported that Changsha is still loyal to Hankow and remains interposed between the Wuhan cities and Canton. Supposing that Hankow does fall fairly soon, one sees that there is the prospect of the union of quite powerful forces, for it is fairly certain that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and General Yang Sen would agree to pool their forces in holding the Yangtze. It must be remembered that Marshal Wu Peifu has already joined up with General Yang Sen, and there is thus presented the beginnings of a union between the forces of the North and the South, despite many protestations by Marshal Chiang that he intends to have nothing to do with the North. There are said to be elaborate preparations in progress for a big offensive by both the North and the South in the region of the Yangtze down by Chinkiang and Nanking, but it would not be surprising, after all, if there came about a patch-up between Sun Chuan-fang and Chiang Kai-shek. The latter is doubtless a keen Nationalist determined to carry the best that is in Nationalism, even to Peking itself, and might be found, now that he has given the coup de grace to the Communist element, that the Northern militarists would be prepared to accept "Nationalism" and join up with him. There is certainly much room for interesting speculation regarding the future, and we think that when the Hankow influence has been eliminated there will be some surprising orientations.

OUR PICTURES.

TO-MORROW'S LIST.

To-morrow's *Telegraph* will contain a number of interesting local pictures.

Among them will be several taken at last Saturday's extra race meeting and showing finishes of races and the leading in of winning mounts.

Photographs taken at the funeral of the late Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander G. Aubrey, of H.M.S. Tamar are included.

There will also be photographs of the finalists of the tennis singles' Championship (Messrs. S. A. Runjahn and Ng Sze-kwong) taken at the abandoned match played on Tuesday, the re-play of which is due to take place this afternoon.

Other features go to make to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* of usual Saturday interest.

DAY BY DAY.

IT WILL COME TO PASS THAT EVERY DRAGGART SHALL BE FOUND AN ASS.—*Shakespeare.*

There were four cases of enteric fever reported yesterday, all Chinese, two in the city district and two from the mainland.

There were 16 arrivals and 14 departures in this morning's Harbour Office reports, of which eight and five respectively were British, leaving 55 vessels in harbour, British 18.

Mr. Isbister, master of the s.s. Kiangsu has reported to the police that some time during the past two days some person entered his cabin and stole therefrom \$75 in bank notes.

Mrs. Brock, shop assistant at Messrs. William Powell's made a report to the Police yesterday to the effect that four lady's evening dresses, to the value of \$429 were stolen from the shop, between Tuesday and yesterday.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commr. Merrill, four boat people charged with dumping building material in the harbour without permission, pleaded guilty and were fined \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

Four months' hard labour and twelve strikes with the birch was the punishment handed out by Major C. Willson this morning to a Chinese who pleaded guilty to a charge of snatching a small roll of cloth from a woman in Wellington Street yesterday.

A Chinese woman, residing in an unnumbered match in Yumati near the Po Hing Theatre, has been robbed by three men who forced open the door of the match and entered at 12.30 last night. In a report to the police, the woman states that she suspects one of the men to be her own nephew.

Police Lance Sergeant Buckner has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from multiple injuries to his head and arms caused by falling off his motor cycle at the junction of Lower Albert Road and Lee House Street. It is believed that the machine skidded while the sergeant was taking a sharp bend.

At an early hour of Thursday last week the Straits Hejaz Steamship Company's steamer Pong Tong, which ran ashore on Tree Island the previous morning, floated off the coral bed on which she rested and came under her own steam to the East Wharf at Singapore where she unloaded her cargo of bullocks and goats. The vessel does not appear to have sustained any damage.

The cruiser Caradoc, Captain H. C. Allen, lent from the Third Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean, for duty in China, is about to be relieved by the Curlew from the Devonport Reserve. The Curlew was here before. She returned last year from the North America and West Indies Station, and has since undergone a refit. Commander R. T. Down, C.V.O., D.S.O., had been appointed to command her in reserve from April 20, but this appointment is now cancelled. Among the officers who will turn over from the Caradoc to the Curlew when the exchange is made are Lieutenant-Commanders L. E. H. Maund and Lancelot King, Lieutenants G. R. Barrow and R. A. Hall, and Sub-Lieutenant C. N. R. Barham. Lieutenants Ian Jeffrey and T. K. Masterman will return home in the Caradoc, and in their places Lieutenants R. G. D. Wyndham, late of the Sherborne, and H. V. E. McClintock, late of the Voyager, will go out in the Curlew.

MUNICIPAL "SPLIT."

KUALA LUMPUR QUESTION DEFERRED.

Kuala Lumpur, May 5.—Yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board was attended by the unofficial members only.

A letter from the Secretary to the Resident was read stating that it was regretted that the recent Committee was not prepared to recommend the establishment of a Municipality in Kuala Lumpur at the present time. Government accepted the recommendation that the question be deferred for three years, but as a step in the direction of Municipal Independence Government proposes to place the Board on a footing similar to that of the Rural Boards of the Colony. The Board will prepare its own budget for the approval of Government, and Government will make adequate contributions, making up the provision required to meet the cost of approved services.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended May 12th, 1906.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 1s. 16d.

The first smoking concert at the new St. George's Club was held. The artistes included Messrs. Watson, G. W. C. Burnett, F. C. Barton, F. Chapple, G. R. Edwards, P. W. Goldring, Q. C. Diss, E. Hayward, W. W. Jillings, and P. Browner.

Sir Ernest Satow proceeded to Nanking to visit Viceroy Chou Fu in connexion with the procedure at the Mixed Court at Shanghai.

There was considerable apprehension in America at the growing strength of the Chinese boycott of American goods.

Mr. Paddock, the new Consul of the United States at Amoy, arrived in Hongkong.

An appeal was made in Canton for funds for the building of a memorial to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing of Robert Morrison to begin mission work. Dr. R. H. Graves, of the Southern Baptist Mission, completed his 50 years of mission work in Canton.

An insurrection broke out in the province of Anhui, as the result of an anti-foreign movement.

The new tower on Green Island to take the former Cape D'Aguiar Light was completed.

The steamers Hoi Cheng and Shung Lee collided in the West River.

Shares issued for the construction of the Canton-Hankow railway were largely over-subscribed.

Inspector Macdonald prosecuted on behalf of the Police in the case of the murder of two coal coolies on board a junk in Yumati Bay.

In aid of the general funds for the furnishing and equipping of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, which was then nearing completion, an appeal was issued by the Committee in charge. The fabric had been donated by Sir Paul Chater.

The death was announced of Mr. Denny O'Keefe, Sanitary Inspector.

Apparently there were no Scotsmen in the Colony in these days, for we note that the five ponies to ride in the Hurdle Race of the Gymkhana were named: Glenburn, Forward, The Quinch, Doris Castle, and Ben Royal.

Mr. Amos P. Wilder, was appointed Consul General of the United States in the Colony.

The following were among those present at the annual meeting of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.: Mr. Henry Humphreys, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. Jupp, Captain Clarke, Mr. D. E. Clarke and Mr. J. A. Tarrant (Secretary).

A Commission of Enquiry was appointed to enquire into whether the administration of the Sanitary and Building Regulations were carried out in a satisfactory manner and, if not, where improvement could be made. The Commission consisted of Mr. T. E. Pollock, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. Fung Wa-chun, Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Mr. A. S. Hooper and Mr. F. W. Bowen-Rowlands (Secretary).

An entertainment took place in the Union Church Sunday School Room, given by the young pupils, in aid of the organ fund. Among those taking part were: Miss Pearce, Miss Edith Rodger, Miss Agnes Thomas, Miss Nan Rodger, Miss Esme Woodcock, Miss W. Bullock, Miss and Master Barrington, Miss Joan Rodger, Miss Helen Burns, Miss M. Hoskins, Master T. Edwards, Miss May Thomas, and Miss Gwendolen Woodcock.

OPIUM SEIZURE.

DESERTED SAMPAN BRINGS GOOD HAUL.

Revenue Officers were fortunate in bringing to a successful conclusion a raid on Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, when a deserted sampan was searched and no less than 1,200 taels of Amoy opium was found on board.

The officers acted on information received, but apparently the principals received warning, and the seizure was limited to the contraband, no arrests being made.

Following the usual procedure, the sampan and contents were seized, and are held by the Imports and Exports Department.

The Very Idea!

An Irish sailor was about to be rewarded for an act of bravery. "Now, my lad," said the captain, "I am very proud to pin this medal on the breast of Dooley and lodge five pounds to his credit in the bank, as a reward for his great pluck."

Pat blushing held his head up, then, looking up at his superior officer, said haltingly, "If it's all the same to you, sir, I'd rather you'd pin the five pound note on me chest and lodge the medal in the bank."

He planted many seeds and for a garden made a bid. But, shucks, he didn't gain a thing. The next door chickens did.

"I do not," said a member of the Salford City Council the other day, "want the Council to get their fingers burnt with a white elephant." He must have been confusing the beast with Blake's "tiger, tiger, burning bright."

Beggar accused of using abusive language to a pedestrian in Kent: He gave me a farthing and then said that my face was my fortune.

Man at a Midland court: I was spooning. Solicitor: What do you mean by that? Man: you are married. You ought to know.

Willesden landlord: I made my tenant sign an agreement to keep neither cat nor dog, but he has evaded it by keeping a puppy.

Woman at Willesden: The council have given me notice to turn this tenant out. Will you please tell me how to do it? Magistrate: Go and ask the council.

Chairman at Kingston: Have you had any trouble with your tenant before? Landlord: Only once before, when he tried to strangle me twice.

Believing that unwed park policemen are apt to be too solicitous of nursemaids and flappers, the City Service Commission of Milwaukee has ruled that all "sparrow-cops" must have wives.

A class in school were having a history lesson. The teacher was reading to them an account of the Battle of Bannockburn. "And when the English saw the army on the hill behind," he read, "their spirits became damped." "Now, what is meant by damping their spirits?" he asked of one bright lad. "Pitten' water in their whusky," came the prompt reply.

Jones: "I see a new play opened last night with a small chorus of Scotchmen in kilts who came on the stage throwing pennies into the audience." Bones: "Zat so? What's the name of it?" Jones: "The Miracle!"

Fate threatens to prevent the marriage of Jenny Dolly, one of the two dancing sisters. Jenny recently accepted the proposal of a wealthy Belgian business man, and went with him to the town hall in the fashionable sixteenth division of Paris, to obtain a marriage certificate. The clerk asked her name, and she threw up her hands in despair. "I have never known my first name," the Australian artist replied.

"I was one of triplets—all girls—although Rosie, my sister, has a small birthmark to identify her. Jenny and Mary were so alike that our mother could not tell us apart. One of the two died when a baby, and the family never knew which one it was, but they registered the death of Mary. I had been given the name of Jenny, but I was never really able to find out if I was Jenny or Mary."

The marriage clerk then refused to give a licence unless she could prove that she was Jenny—a task which she has been trying to do all her life.

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Bombay	1/5.81/64
Hongkong	2/6½
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—British Wireless.

DEATH OF BISHOP GAUTHIER.

VICAR APOSTOLIC OF PAKHOI.

It will be with much genuine sorrow that the local Roman Catholic community and many others will have learned today of the death of his Lordship Auguste Gauthier, Bishop of Dohora and Vicar Apostolic of Pakhoi, which took place just before midnight last night at the Sanatorium of Bethanle, Pokfulam.

Bishop Gauthier had for some days past been lying seriously ill at the Sanatorium and his death, though not unexpected, has caused profound sorrow. Monsignor Auguste Gauthier was born at Saint-Haon, in the department of the Haute Loire, France, on May 26, 1868. In 1890, he entered the Seminary of the Missions Etrangères in Paris. He was ordained priest in 1894 and left for Kwangtung in September of that year, where he carried on missionary work successively at Kachow, Yuenkong, San Cheung, Shun Tak and was Superior of the College of the Sacred Heart at Canton. He also spent several years in the Imprimerie of the Society of the Missions Etrangères, at Pokfulam, Hongkong, which is known as the Imprimerie de Nazareth.

In 1919, upon the arrival of the first missionaries of the Maryknoll Mission, of which Monsignor Walsh is the present Vicar Apostolic of Kowloon and whose consecration will take place on May 22nd, on the Island of St. John, Monsignor Gauthier was appointed by Monsignor De Gubriant, the then Bishop of Canton, to be the guide and counselor of the pioneers of this young Mission. Bishop Gauthier gave all his heart to this work, and became the inseparable companion of the Maryknoll Fathers, introducing them and installing them in the different districts, giving them the benefit of all the fruits of his active life. In 1921, came the news of his appointment as Vicar Apostolic of Pakhoi with temporary residence at Fort Bayard. He was consecrated in the Cathedral at Hongkong on the 25th of May 1922 by the Late Bishop Pozzani, assisted by Mgr. Rayssac, of Swatow, and Mgr. Bouquet, of Canton. He remained three years at Fort Bayard, during which time he won the esteem and respect of both the Fathers and the Christians, and with untiring activity, he passed the few years of his all-too-short episcopate in visiting the districts of his large Diocese, taking everywhere comfort and cheerfulness. He was never happier than when he found himself amongst his fellow missionaries and Christians to share their hard labour.

His sudden loss leaves in all hearts a profound sorrow. In his passing the Catholics of the Pakhoi Diocese lose a remarkable chief and a well-beloved Father. The funeral will take place in the private cemetery of the Sanatorium, to-morrow morning at 8.45.

WOMAN SMUGGLER.

BROUGHT DRUG FROM AMOY.

Having recovered from her illness, a Chinese female passenger by the Takliwa from Amoy which arrived in port during the early part of the week, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with being in unlawful possession of 39 tael of prepared opium.

While admitting possession of the defendant said that she was given the parcel containing the contraband by a friend to bring to Hongkong. She was not aware of its contents.

Revenue Officer Lanigan, replying to his Worship, said that information had previously been received that opium was being smuggled from Amoy by passengers on the Takliwa.

A fine of \$3,000 or eight months' hard labour in default was imposed.

HAILSTORM AT FUNGCHUN.

STONES AS LARGE AS EGGS.

The Fungchun district on the upper West River experienced on the 1st inst. a heavy hailstorm.

Following a thunderstorm, the fall lasted for nearly an hour, the hailstones varying in size from an egg to a ball.

Trees were uprooted and houses damaged in and around the district city. Part of the magistrate's yamen, which had been in bad condition for some time, collapsed with the result that the inmates were obliged to remove to other places together with their belongings and the official files.

It is learned that the storm has caused the peasants a great loss, as most of their plantations have been destroyed.—Canton Gazette.

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS.

DISCLOSURES IN THE MORTGAGE CASE.

Lo Kwong-lam, the first plaintiff in the mortgage case, which is being heard at the Supreme Court before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, was cross-examined at length this morning by defending counsel, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. G. N. Tinson, with regard to his knowledge of the mortgage, and certain proposed settlements of the disputed property.

The case concerns a mortgage on Hongkong property for \$400,000 left by the plaintiffs' father, and the two plaintiffs Lo Kwong-lam and Lo Kwong-hin ask for it to be set aside on the grounds that they were infants on February 10th, 1925 when the transaction was put through. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Stollert is defending.

This morning, the plaintiff said he first discovered the period of the mortgage from letters shown to him by Lo Kwong-hin. He denied that he knew from the first what the period was, but admitted that he knew the mortgagees had the power to sell the property if the debt was not paid. He said he did not know from the first that the mortgagees had the right to take possession of the property and take the rents also in the event of failure to pay. On being pressed on the point by Mr. Jenkin, plaintiff continued to deny that he knew anything until the attachment of the second mortgagee on August 17th, 1925.

Plaintiff admitted that he himself, and the second plaintiff, Lo Kwong-hin, were the only two mortgagees to consult Mr. Lyson, with reference to letters containing a threat to sell.

Mr. Jenkin: As a result of going this matter with Mr. Lyson you ascertained the position and then knew all about it?—Yes.

Including the fact that you were both infants in English law, and that in view of Mr. Lyson told you the mortgage was according to not binding up you?—Yes.

Did you tell Mr. Lyson your age?—Yes.

Suggested Settlements.

Mr. Jenkin went on to cross-examine the plaintiff with regard to various settlements which had been proposed before the mortgage. Plaintiff said he had heard that one of the settlements proposed was that the property, whether houses, land, or money should be divided into 17 shares, each of the beneficiaries to take one.

He added he was also told by his brother, in connexion with the proposal, that the property should be valued by T. L. Sung and Leung Wing-cheung, and if that arrangement was carried out the action would be withdrawn.

After questioning plaintiff with regard to another proposal, Mr. Jenkin asked questions with regard to his knowledge of a release to the trustees. Plaintiff denied he was told there would be a release for the trustees in the event of a settlement, but added that he heard it in his lawyer's office after the action had started.

Did you not hear a suggestion from Lo Lim-yuk's solicitors that the trustees should sell the property and pay over the proceeds to 17 beneficiaries as and when the property was sold?—I have heard my brother say so.

His Lordship: Are there 17 sons altogether?

Mr. Jenkin replied there were really 18, three of them being grandsons, and one absentee in America.

Mr. Potter said there were sixteen sons, with Lo Lim-yuk getting a larger share, so there were 17 beneficiaries altogether. There was a slight difference on the point but it was not material.

Delay Objection.

In reply to further questions with regard to that settlement, plaintiff said he himself did not object, but some of the other brothers did because of the delay it might entail.

Mr. Jenkin: Did your brothers then tell you that they were proposing to take over the whole of the property and mortgage it to obtain the required money, to pay over to the trustees for the purpose of paying out the share?—No.

Mr. Jenkin produced letters bearing on the points in question, and plaintiff said he had seen some of them in a solicitor's office, but he could not say for certain which he had seen. He denied that Lo Lim-yuk's solicitors told him that they had sent along a draft release.

The case is proceeding.

The local weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory, for the period ending at noon to-morrow, is: Light, variable winds; fair.

LEUNG KWONG VICTIMS.

THE LATE MR. F. E. A. MARTIN.

The full name of the deceased officer of the Leung Kwong, whose body has been recovered, is Frederick Elliot Armstrong Martin, previous announcements having been erroneous, owing to a confusion resultant upon faulty records on the part of the agents of the sunken vessel.

Mr. Martin first came to the East as a member of the ship's company of H.M.S. Waterwitch, in 1906-07, having as a shipmate Inspector Bond of the Water Police, who retired on pension two months ago.

Taking his discharge in Hongkong, Mr. Martin was first employed by the Hongkong Hotel, and later was in charge of constructional work at North Point for the Hongkong Electric Company. This was followed by employment as manager of the Ming Yuen Gardens.

He later returned to sea, and as acting mate qualified for a ticket during the regime of Commander Beckwith. He was appointed to the s.s. On Lee, and was in that ship when she was pirated. Once more coming on shore, he was for a time with the Hongkong Tugs and Lighters, and engaged in a stevedoring and lighterage business. He joined the Leung Kwong about two months ago.

The deceased leaves a wife and one son, the latter at present a pupil in St. Joseph's College.

With his passing, a gap is left in the ranks of the waterfront personnel, for Mr. Martin was one of the old type galleymen with a breezy personality and an open heart, which endeared him to those of his cloth who had fallen on evil times. A large circle of friends mourn his demise.

The local Masonic order is depleted by his death, since Mr. Martin, although never taking office, was always prominent in the councils of the order, with a sound judgment and a wide knowledge of prevailing conditions.

Since the disaster, a Police launch has been cruising in the vicinity, and Sergeant Pearson was in charge of No. 6 when the bodies were picked up. All more or less showed signs either of being dashed on the rocks in the vicinity or of decomposition. The post mortem and identification was carried out this morning.

Police launches remain in the vicinity of the wreck on a defined patrol beat, which covers the entire area of possible recovery of bodies.

THE NEW CHINA.

ICHANG MISSIONARY'S VIEW.

A meeting of the Edinburgh Foreign Missionaries' Union, held in mail week in Edinburgh, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Graham Brown, William Deans, formerly missionary at Ichang, in Central China, read a paper upon "New Conditions in China."

Mr. Deans enumerated six causes which had resulted in the present state of affairs. These were increased international intercourse, the work of missionaries and the rise of a Christian Church, the spread of Western education, the activities of traders, and the Great War. Amid all the present turmoil and internal rivalries, said Mr. Deans, the outstanding features of China and the Chinese—Chinese homogeneity, Chinese power of assimilation, and Chinese adaptability to new conditions—should not be forgotten. A new united China would yet come into being. The new situation, for the Chinese, was first of all political. Nationalism and the extrusion of the foreigner from any position of power were the dominant ideas.

Various Aspects. To Britain the new situation was a commercial one. In the next place and particularly for missions, the new situation was educational. China owed her modern knowledge to mission schools and colleges, but Chinese Nationalism was blind to that fact, and, among recent educational regulations, were to—that no foreigner should hereafter be at the head of a school, and that there should be no proselytizing of any kind in educational institutions.

Mr. Deans drew attention to the fact that not so long ago mission schools in the Turkish Empire were subjected to precisely similar crushing conditions, and yet patience in dealing with the Turk had now resulted in freedom to give religious instruction as formerly. So he believed, would patience be rewarded in China. The new situation was religious. Missionaries had been regarded as paid foreign agents and almost unavoidably the new Christian Church had the appearance of a foreign institution. Even the Chinese Christian were filled with the thought of a nationalised Church.

Miss Maclean, Manchuria, referred to the difficulty which people at home had in understanding the Chinese situation.

MALAYAN HOUSING SHORTAGE.

ACTION TAKEN BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

The Malay Mail is officially informed that, as a result of the recommendations made by the Committee appointed to enquire into means for remedying the present shortage of housing accommodation in the F.M.S., the following decisions have been taken:

1. To meet the needs of the clerical and sub-clerical classes, area of State land in small building lots leaseable for 30 years will be laid out.

Each lease would be endorsed with the conditions that

(a) the erection of a dwelling-house of approved design must be begun within one year from the issue;

(b) the lessors' previous sanction must be obtained to any transfer, sub-lease or other dealing; and

(c) the lessee must obey all rules made from time to time by the lessor for preserving the amenities of the residential area.

State Land For Sites.

2. Government will consider the issue of leases of State land for building sites for European houses, if suitable. State land is available, on terms to be decided later.

3. The Residents will have power to grant loans for building up to \$10,000, in any individual case, leaving the Planters' Loans Board to deal with applications for large sums.

4. The question of providing additional land for the "Malay Settlement" in Kuala Lumpur is being considered.

5. Government is prepared to construct and maintain big developmental roads with a view to opening up new areas on the recommendation of the Sanitary Boards.

6. The withdrawal of the ban on 16 foot terrace buildings has been approved, and the relaxation of the building by-laws in regard to the thickness of walls is being considered.

7. Government has commenced building cement concrete bungalows (Kensington type) in Kuala Lumpur.

A FALSE NOTE.

EXCUSE PROVES

UNAVAILING.

A Chinese was arrested on Wednesday about 6.30 p.m. on the Wing Lok Wharf, when the Sui An came in from Macao.

Wharf searchers stopped the man, and on going through his pockets discovered a number of pawn-tickets and a \$10 note. This fact in itself was not suspicious, but the man proceeded to look very uneasy when the note was discovered. He was questioned as to how he obtained it, and said he was given it by a friend who was a fellow passenger on the boat.

As \$10 bills are not generally distributed to passengers on river boats, the suspicions of the wharf searchers were strengthened and they took the man to the Central Police Station. The note was later discovered to be a forgery.

The Chinese pleaded guilty before Major C. Willson this morning to a charge of possession, but said that he had particularly requested his friend to give him the note in order that he might examine it closely when he had time so that he would be able to tell a genuine note from a false one in future.

He was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

CHINA MERCHANTS SHIPPING.

PARTIAL RESUMPTION LIKELY.

It will be recalled that the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, the oldest-established and biggest of the Chinese shipping concerns, came in for a great deal of misfortune by the turn of events in China.

First there was the cessation of calls at Hongkong, during the boycott of this port, with the result that a considerable amount of business was lost, and later there was the commandeering of the company's vessels by the Northern militarists for the transportation of troops. Protests were unavailing, and the company decided to lay up their ships at various ports rather than that they should fall in the hands of the warring factions. Claims for compensation have been lodged, but the result is not known.

In addition, the China Merchants S.N. Co. had trouble with their crews. Following the commandeering of ships, and the hazards to which the men were exposed, they demanded protection by the militarists, as well as higher wages. Then events culminated in the case of the s.s. Kongwing, which was sunk under bombardment in the Yangtze while employed as a transport, and eighty of the seamen were drowned. A general strike of crews followed, and there was also a demand for heavy compensation for the victims of the affair, besides a protest against future use of the company's ships as transports.

An increase of wages by 20 per cent was put forward. Unable to meet these demands, the company has for several months been dormant, and there has been some speculation as to what steps the concern would eventually take.

It would appear, however, that it is likely the China Merchants vessels will shortly be seen again in commission. A reporter from one of the local vernacular papers has interviewed the management of the branch office of the company in Hongkong, and was informed that the firm is at present engaged in negotiations with the strikers, and there is a likelihood of at least part of the company's business being resumed under normal conditions, probably before the end of this month.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

TAILOR'S ENCOUNTER WITH FIVE MEN.

A Chinese tailor of 28, Battery Street, Yaumati, has reported to the police that last evening he was accosted by two men in Gough Street, who said he owed them money.

The tailor denied any indebtedness to the strangers but was assaulted. Another three men then came on the scene one of whom had possession of a crowbar and another a broom.

The five had no difficulty in overpowering the tailor, and stole from him his watch chain and pendant, and his purse, containing money. The loss amounted to \$32.

The tailor has since been removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment of his hurts.

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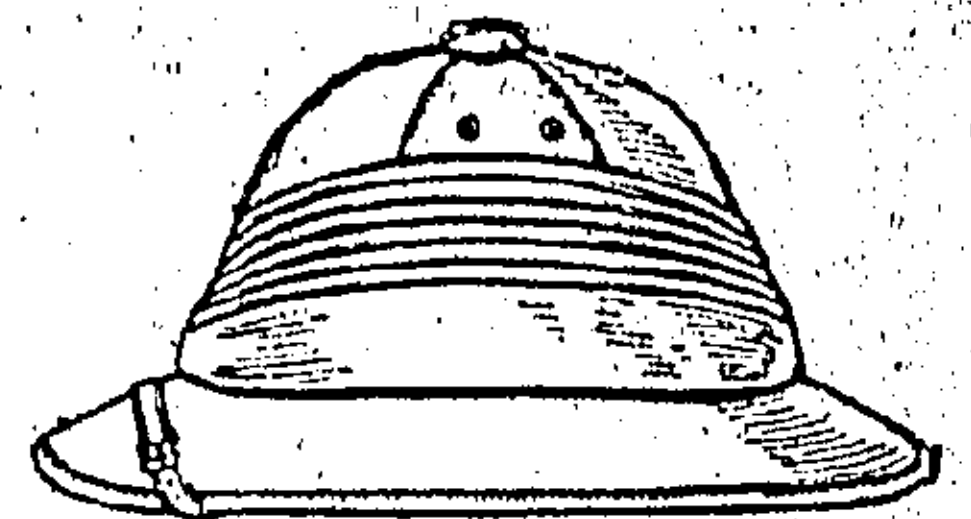
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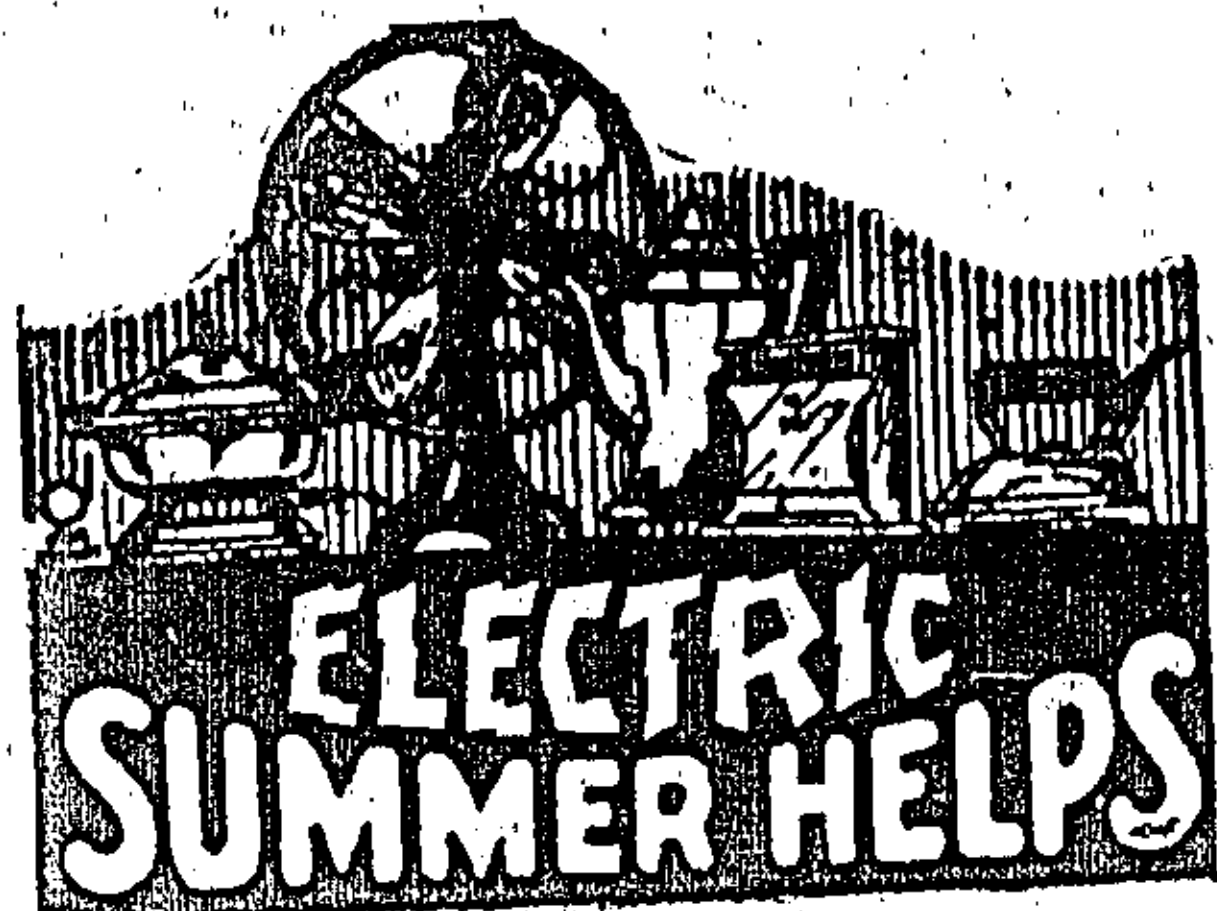
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**LABOUR PARTY'S
DISSENSION.**

EX-MINISTER'S SWAN
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It is interesting to read of the dissension among Labour leaders at Home. Mr. Wheatley, one of the most bitter opponents of the Trades Union Bill, is reported to be in bad odour with his Parliamentary colleagues.

The most definite stage in the split among the leaders of the Labour party was reached in the House of Commons early last month.

The first indication of the new development came when Mr. Wheatley, who was Minister of Health in the Labour Government, deserted the Front Opposition Bench and took his seat among his Clydeside colleagues on the back benches.

Once the leader of the Clydeside group, Mr. Wheatley (says the *Daily Mail*) never seems to have been at home on the Opposition Front Bench. Lately he has sat there but seldom, and when he sat he scowled. There have been rumours of disagreements with Mr. MacDonald over matters of high policy of quarrels between the two in private party meetings that have been hardly healed, of Mr. Wheatley's longing once more to fly a red flag.

Recently, Mr. Wheatley spoke for the last time—for the present at any rate—from the Front Bench when he defended every act of the Chester-le-Street Guardians, and boldly declared for a policy of subsidising wages.

The following day Mr. Wheatley's seat among the mighty was empty. Where he once loomed an ex-Under-Secretary sprawled. Far back among the Clydesiders, by the side of the sarcastic Mr. Maxton and the oppressed Mr. Kirkwood, smiling once again like a returned prodigal surveying an immense dish of veal, appeared the Labour ex-Minister of Health.

His action had strange and immediate effect. Mr. Sidney Webb, from the Labour Front Bench, approved the Pacific Cable Bill. Mr. Wheatley's party spoke against it. Mr. Buxton, also from the Labour Front Bench, approved the Crown Lands Bill. The Wheatleys opposed. They even forced a division and mustered no fewer than 14 against the measure.

Declining Influence.

The explanation of Mr. Wheatley's ostentatious departure from the Socialist Front Bench is simple (writes a correspondent of the *Scotsman*), but it is odd that he should have chosen the day when Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is speaking in Glasgow.

Since the Socialists left office, Mr. Wheatley's influence, for a variety of reasons, has steadily declined. Two years in succession he has failed to secure election to the Parliamentary Executive,

**WOMAN DRUG
ADDICT.**

MORPHINE TAKEN FOR
NINE YEARS.

Stated to have been an habitual drug-taker for nine years, Blanche Barnicoat, 38, a fashionably dressed woman, was charged at Cardiff last month with obtaining morphine from a Cardiff doctor without disclosing the fact that she was being supplied by another doctor.

It was stated that she was fined in February last for a similar offence. On that occasion two other charges were then adjourned, as she undertook to enter an institution, but she did not keep her promise.

Dr. Burke, of Treorchy, Glamorganshire, said the woman told him she had been taking morphine for nine years to relieve pain. She had a disease of the right arm and had undergone several operations. A doctor prescribed morphine for her nine years ago, and since then she could not do without it. She had been taking up to five grains daily.

He thought, however, this had now been reduced to a grain a day. Her only chance was to enter an institution.

The woman said she wanted to be cured and, on her promise to enter an institution approved by the Home Office, she was bound over.

which is by ballot of the members, and latterly he has been seldom at the House of Commons. Although it is almost exclusively a working-class district, his seat in Shettleston is regarded as shaky.

In the country he has given support to Mr. A. J. Cook and others in such a way as to cast a slur on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Thomas, and the other Parliamentary leaders.

At one time it was thought that he would seek to lead the left wing, presumably in rivalry for the Parliamentary leadership, but all chance of such a development has disappeared, for if anyone supplanted Mr. MacDonald it would not be Mr. Wheatley. His colleagues realise that on the simplest economic issues his outlook is hopelessly confused, and even childish, and it is admitted that if the Socialists were again in office he would not be included in the Ministry.

With these facts in mind, he has apparently come to the conclusion that tenure of the Front Bench must be abandoned, and he attended last night with the determination to make his speech on the Chester-le-Street question his last from the Front Bench.

A further theory (concludes the correspondent) is that this is the prelude to retirement from political life, but I am assured that that is at best premature.

LOVER'S SUICIDE.

PASSION FOR MARRIED
WOMAN.

A remarkable story was told at a Leicester inquest, in mail week of how the infatuation of a married man for another man's wife led him to commit suicide on the woman's doorstep. The dead man was Lewis Colbeck, aged 35, a chemist's traveller.

Mrs. Frances Rose Hunt, wife of Ernest Clinton Hunt, a shoe manufacturer, of Anstey, near Leicester, said she met Colbeck in May last year and they became friendly. Recently she left him and returned to her husband.

On Monday night, Mrs. Hunt said she was at home at Anstey and heard a tap at the door, and then found Colbeck lying on the path with his feet on the step. He said he had taken poison. He died in hospital.

The coroner read a letter which addressed you as "Turtle"—Yes, Did you call him "Penguin"?—Yes, and sometimes Lulu.

The coroner read a letter which Mrs. Hunt said was written by her a fortnight before she left Colbeck after he had threatened to commit suicide:

Dearest Lulu, be good for "Turtle's" sake. She will perhaps one day need her "Penguin"; she will pray, for you, pine for you. Be a brave man, dearest, and wait for "Turtle."

A letter addressed to Mrs. Hunt said:

My own darling Turtle, I love you. You are beautiful, divine, perfect, a dream. Your eyes are sweet and beautiful, your face is heaven. I must have you back. I am living in hell already, and it will drive me mad. I shall never carry it all out. I cannot live without you, perfect peach. For God's sake come back or else—The more I see of you the more I love you.—Yours in heaven and yours on earth, Lulu.

The coroner returned a verdict of Suicide, there being insufficient evidence to show the state of Colbeck's mind.

Investigation at Rome into the case of the Hon. Violet Gibson, a sister of Lord Ashbourne, who shot and wounded Signor Mussolini, the Premier, last April, has been turned over to a special military tribunal, which now has charge of the case entirely. Investigations follow the normal course. There is a widespread feeling that, owing to the unanimous declarations of the doctors that the Hon. Violet Gibson is insane and not responsible for her action, she should be released without standing her trial, but no decision has yet been reached, nor is such a decision considered imminent.

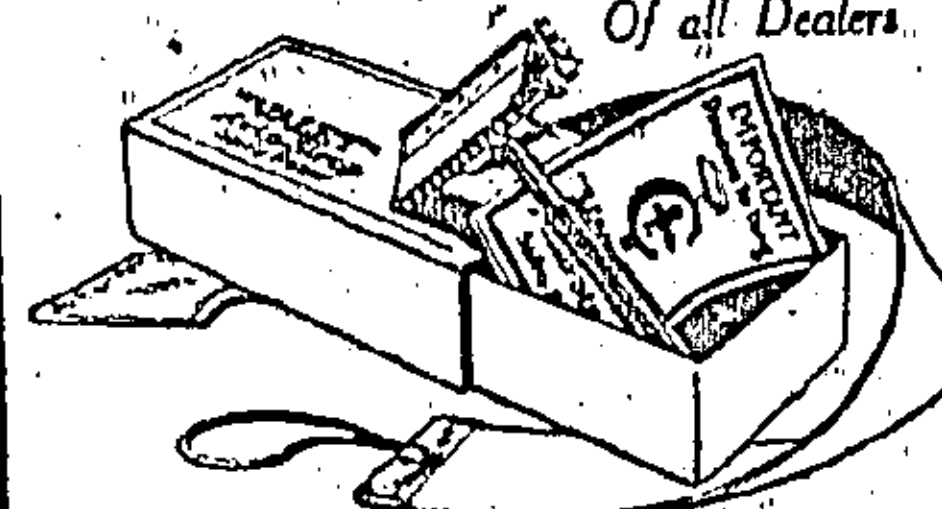


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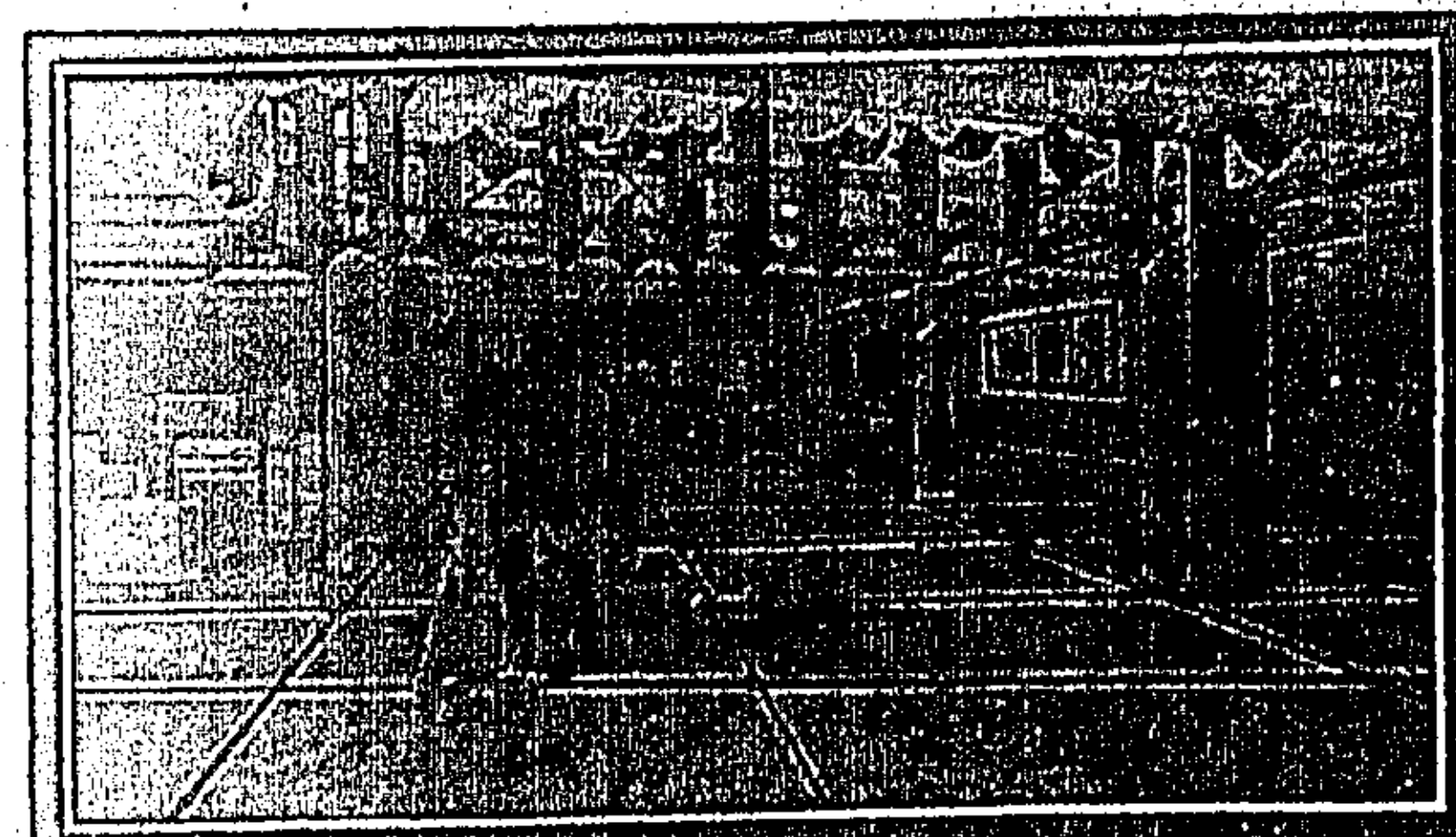
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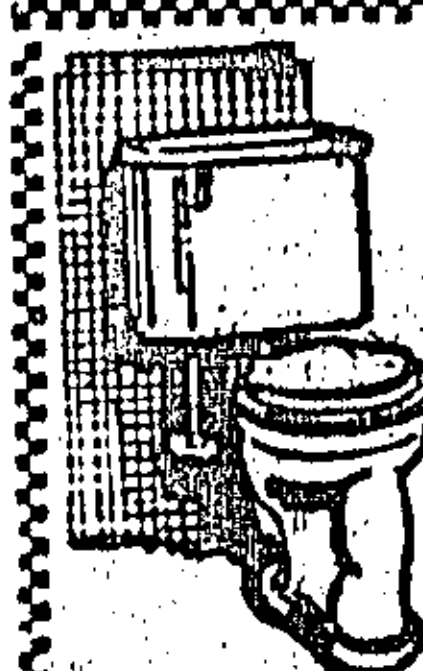


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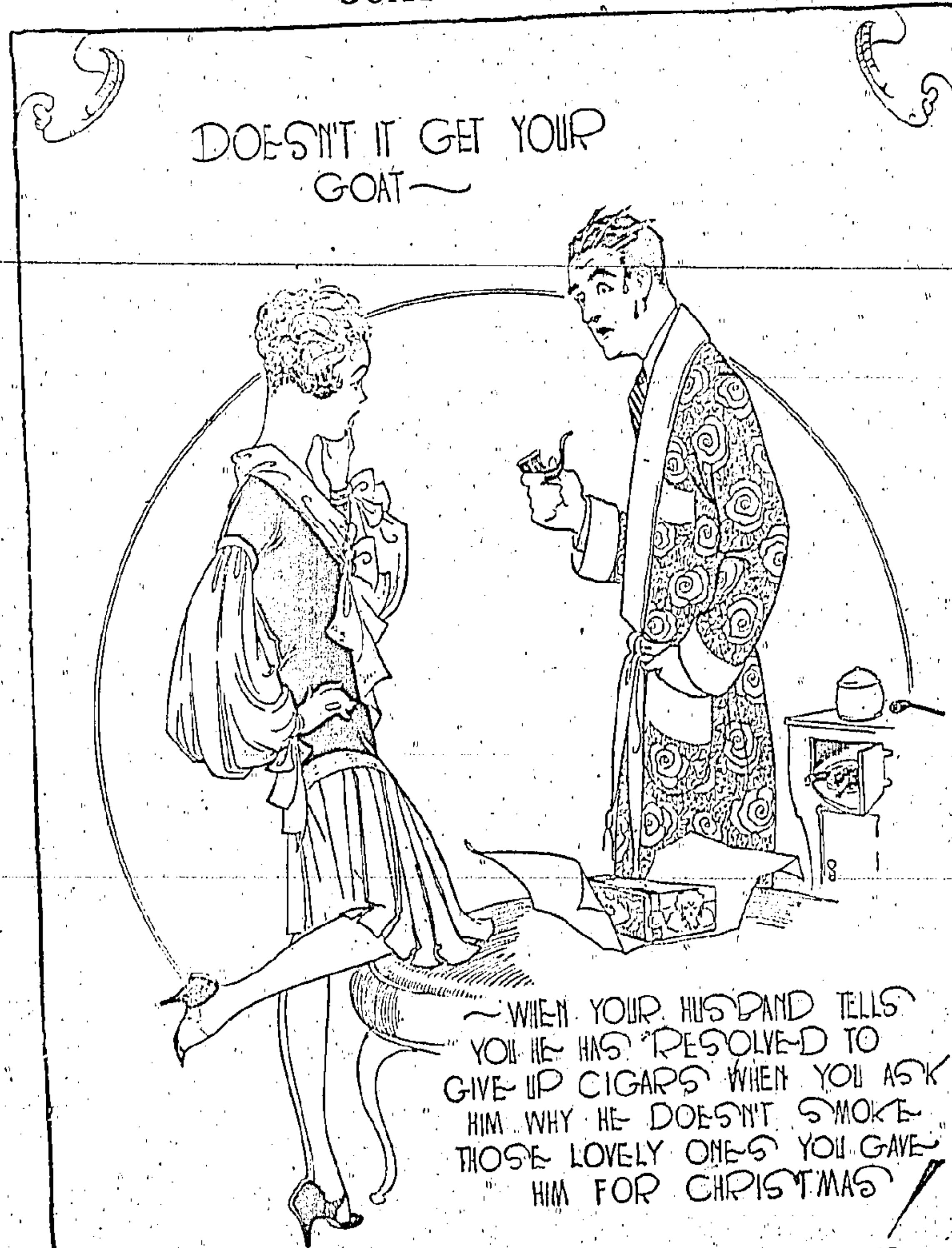
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THE INVESTITURE.

JOSEPH KEMP & DR. R. H. KOTEWALL HONOURED.

"No one in this Government is more worthy of recognition and in no one have I placed greater trust during the anxious period of the boycott and its aftermath. Your knowledge of the Cantonese people, united to your high legal attainments, has made your advice invaluable during this long-drawn-out crisis. You have been much more than an Attorney General during the past year. You have been one of the main bulwarks of the Government and a tower of strength to the Colony in its time of trouble," said His Excellency the Governor at Government House last night when investing Sir Joseph Kemp with the Knight's Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Investing the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall with the Insignia of M.G. His Excellency spoke of Kotewall's loyal and constant devotion to duty during the anxious and difficult days of the last two years.

The guests, which numbered about 400, assembled in the Ballroom and a procession, consisting in order of Capt. Steele, M.C., A.D.C., Dr. H. Steele, M.C., A.D.C., Dr. E. Stuart-Taylor, Bt., O.B.E., Col. L. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. C. Hynes, His Honour Mr. Justice Jackson, Mr. W. W. Hornell, L.E., Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Hon. Mr. Mel. Messer, O.B.E., Rear Admiral W.H.D. Boyle, C.B., R.N., Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., N., His Honour Mr. Justice God and His Excellency the Governor, formed up in the drawing room and proceeded down the stairs. After position had been taken up the band played the first four bars of the National Anthem.

The Ceremony.

A second procession, consisting of Lieut. A.J.L. Whyte, A.D.C., carrying a red case containing the warrant, and Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, Kt., B.E., the Hon. Sir H. E. Block, Kt., K.C., which had already formed up facing the right side of the Dais then advanced towards H. E. the Governor who was standing in the centre of the Dais. Lieut. Whyte, D.C. then handed to Capt. Steele, A. D. C. who was on the left, the box containing the Warrant and then took up a position on the right, hand side of the Dais.

Capt. Steele then handed the warrant from the case to Mr. Justice Wood who read it. The warrant was as follows:

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Sovereign and Chief of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to Our Trusty and Well-beloved Robert Hormus Kotewall, Esquire, Doctor of Laws, Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of Our Colony of Hongkong Greeting.

We have thought fit to nominate and appoint you to be a Member of the Third Class or Companions of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. We do by these presents grant unto you the Dignity of a Companion of Our said Most Distinguished Order, and We do hereby authorize you to have, hold, and enjoy the said Dignity as a Member of the Third Class or Companions of Our said Most Distinguished Order, together with all and singular the privileges thereunto belonging or appertaining.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's under Our Sign Manual and the Seal of Our said Most Distinguished Order this First day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command, (Signed) Buxton, Chancellor.

Address to Dr. Kotewall.

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Dr. Kotewall, I am very glad to be the means of investing you with the insignia of Companion of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. His Majesty the King has conferred this honour upon you for unwearied, zealous and capable work on behalf of this Colony and in special recognition of your loyal and constant devotion to duty during the anxieties and difficulties of the last two years.

As one of the unofficial members representing the Chinese community of Hongkong in the Colony's legislature, you have rendered eminent service both in interpreting the hopes, sentiments and thoughts of the Hongkong Chinese to the Hongkong Government and also in explaining the policy, the aims and the ideals of the Hongkong Government to the Hongkong Chinese.

It is largely thanks to you and to your colleague, Sir Shouson Chow, that the Chinese and European communities of Hongkong have met and overcome the hazards of recent years with a common purpose and in a spirit of co-operation, good will and mutual understanding. You have faced much danger with unshaken courage and have proved yourself equal to any emergency. It gives me keen personal pleasure to welcome you into an Order of which I also am a member, and whose motto, inscribed upon this cross, promises us success in the high endeavour to leave the world better than we find it.

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H.M.S. HAWKINS TO HANKOW.

SIR MILES LAMPSON TO VISIT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, May 12. H.M.S. Hawkins is leaving for Hankow to-morrow with Admiral Tyrwhitt aboard. It is expected that Sir Miles Lampson will be visiting Shanghai this week-end, travelling by H.M.S. Foxglove from Tientsin.—*Reuter*.

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The Second Warrant.

H. E. then shook the Attorney General by the hand, after which Sir Joseph Kemp and his supporters took up their allotted places on the Dais. A procession consisting of Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, A.D.C., bearing the insignia of the C.M.G. etc on a crimson cushion, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., and His Excellency Major General, C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. already formed up facing the left side of the Dais then advanced towards His Excellency. The Chief Justice then received the Warrant from Capt. Dowbiggin A.D.C. and read as follows:

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Sir Joseph Kemp, It gives me, as brother cadet, very great pleasure to hand you these Letters Patent and to offer you most hearty congratulations on the honours of knighthood which His Majesty the King has conferred upon you. You are the first Hongkong cadet to hold the office of Attorney General of Hongkong and once before has a Hongkong cadet been made Knight Bachelor. I refer to Sir James Russell, who in 1888 became Chief Justice of Hongkong. We all hope that you will attain to the same high official office. No one in this Government is more worthy of recognition and in none have I placed greater trust during the anxious period of the boycott and its aftermath. Your knowledge of the Cantonese people, united to your high legal attainments, has made your advice invaluable during this long-drawn-out crisis. You have been much more than an Attorney General during the past year. You have been one of the

GOING ON LEAVE.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S SEAT IN COUNCIL.

Sir Henry and Lady Pollock are leaving for home by the Empress of Canada on the 1st proximo on a six months' holiday.

We have been informed that, at the request of several Justices of the Peace, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacons, has consented to stand as a candidate for the coming vacancy on the Legislative Council and that he will be proposed by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

BANK ARRANGEMENT.

NEW YORK AND BERLIN.

Berlin, May 12.

Arrangements have been completed between the Reichsbank and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, whereby Reichsbank clients are able to clear through the Federal Reserve Bank.—*Reuter*.

RUBBER FOOTWEAR.

CREPE SOLES COME TO STAY.

The *Shoe and Leather News* has just issued an interesting supplement with regard to rubber footwear in which reference is made to several very interesting points.

Remarking on the attitude of the boot retailer towards rubber footwear, it is pointed out that as the one is the necessary supplement of the other, there is no reason for the two sections of the footwear industry to be divided into hostile camps. The products of each may be said to reign supreme in its own sphere, and while both have their own merits from the point of view of footwear, they also possess limitations.

It is pointed out that rubber does not seek to take the place of leather; it merely seeks to do what the limitations of leather render it impossible for it to do for itself. Rubber footwear is intended to supplement leather boots and shoes, and retailers are advised therefore to have no fear the sale of rubber will interfere with their ordinary trade. Rather will it tend to increase their turn-over and help to swell their profits. The boot retailer can do much to popularise the use of rubber footwear, and it is well therefore to remind him that

GAS EXPLOSION.

EIGHT KILLED AND THIRTY INJURED.

Dallas, Tex., May 12. At least eight persons were killed and thirty injured and a two storey brick building in south east Dallas badly damaged as a result of an explosion due to the escape of gas from faulty gas meter.—*Reuter's American Service*.

There is a vast market lying ready at hand only awaiting development. The use of rubber footwear as a safeguard against illness is a point which should be brought forcibly home to the general public and now that rubber footwear can be obtained in such an amazing variety of attractive styles any prejudice which has hitherto existed in regard to it should be easily overcome.

With regard to the crepe rubber sole, an important warning is given to repairers whose attitude in the past has on the whole been one of uncertainty. Repairers are advised in the future to regard crepe soled footwear as a permanent feature of the shoe trade. When one considers the enormous number of boots and shoes soled with crepe rubber which are now being produced it is evident that those re-

RHEIMS CATHEDRAL.

INAUGURATION OF RESTORED BUILDING.

Paris, May 12. M. Herriot has inaugurated the work of restoration of the important part of the Rheims cathedral which suffered so severely from German bombardment during the war.

He formally handed over to the Archbishop the key of the great door in token of the completion of the restoration of the nave, where services can now again be held for the first time since the war.

M. Herriot took occasion to refer to the generous donations from several countries towards the reconstruction costs.—*Havas*.

pairers who are not handling this type of work are losing a considerable amount of business which is being taken elsewhere, and would otherwise come their way.

To the careful observer signs are not wanting that the demand for rubber footwear is increasing. There is big business to be done in it. Prejudice is fast giving way to a saner and more logical appreciation to meet the demand a rich re-ward is assured.

MILE TRAFFIC BLOCK.

LONDON RECORD.

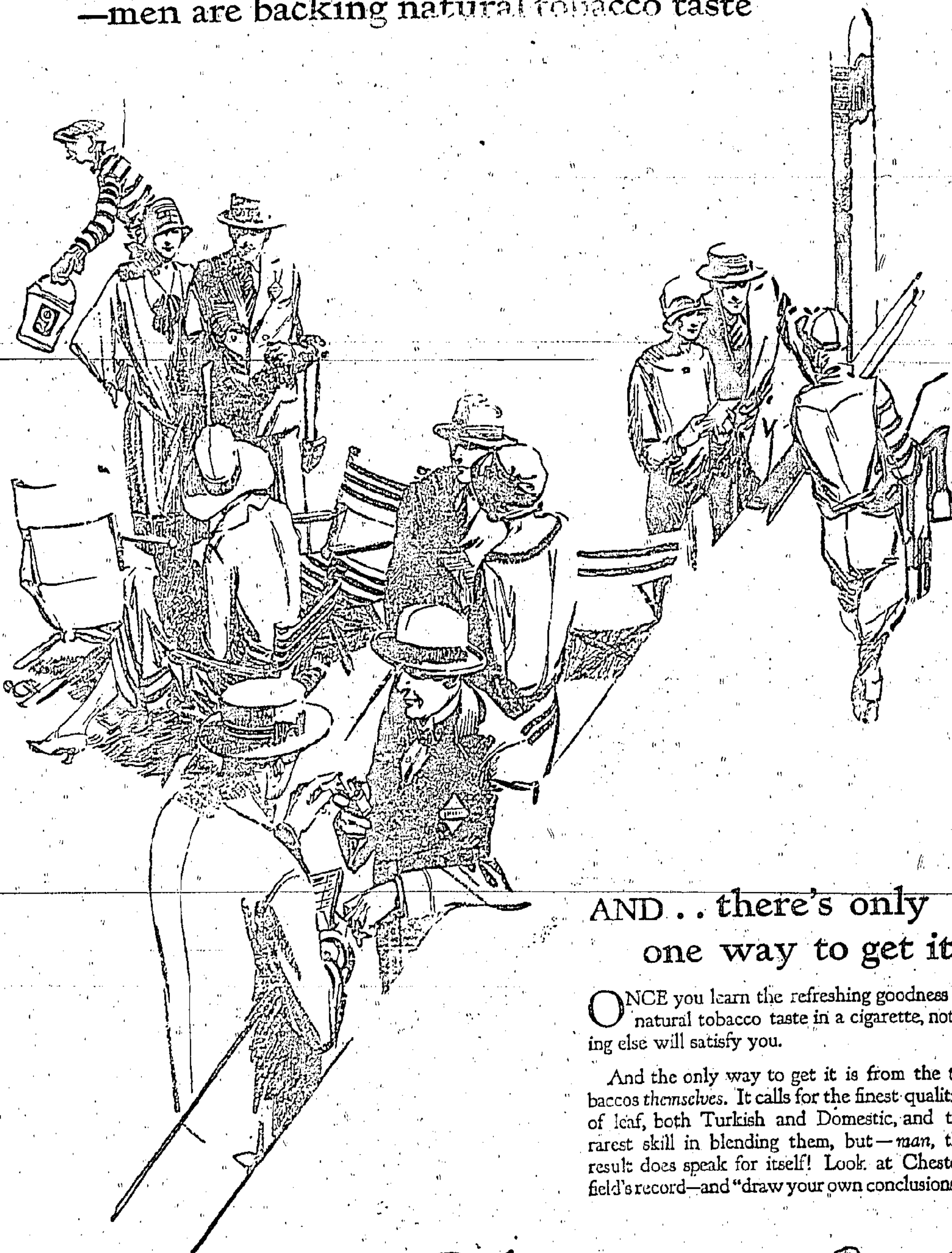
What one of the traffic policemen concerned believed to be a record traffic block, even for London, occurred last month in all the main streets surrounding Ludgate Circus.

At 11 a.m. on April 13 the four roads meeting at Ludgate Circus—Fleet-street, Ludgate-hill, New Bridge-street and Farringdon-street—were crowded on both sides as far as eye could see. It was estimated that a mile of roadway was involved. The worst congestion was in New Bridge-street, which was blocked along its entire length, the traffic line continuing right across Blackfriars Bridge. This caused several hundred yards of Queen Victoria-street and the Embankment to be crowded also.

It was estimated that at one moment more than two acres of actual roadway in one of the busiest parts of London were jammed. The block came about suddenly, but through the expertness of the traffic police was quickly dispelled.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 276.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Administrative Commandant. Hongkong, Friday, May 13.

1. King's Birthday Parade, 3rd June, 1927.

The Corps will take part in the above mentioned parade which will take place at 9 a.m. at Happy Valley. All members who are willing to turn out will give their names to their Unit Commanders as early as possible. A practice parade will take place on Monday, 8th May on the Football Ground. Special trams will leave the City Hall at 5.15 p.m.

Dress for both parades. Review Order Khaki, Helmets, khaki jackets, medals, shorts, puttees, belt and bayonet, rifle and sling.

Scottish Company will conform dressed in the kilt, as for G. O. C.'s Inspection, wearing helmets.

Armoured Car and Artillery Companies will conform wearing shorts.

2. Recruit's Parade.

All recruits of the Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th May for Musketry Instruction.

No. 2 Squad, under C. S. M. Slatery, K. O. S. B. parade direct at Kennedy Road Range with rifles at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, belt, braces and pouches, rifle and bayonet.

3. Signal Class.

Trained Men of No. 4 Platoon and those attending signal class, from other units will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 19th May, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll. Dress: Mufti.

4. Artillery Company.

Parade will be held on Thursday, 19th May at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Gun Drill and Signalling. Dress: Mufti.

5. Mounted Infantry Company.

All ranks will parade at Stables on Thursday, 19th May at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

6. Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 16th May for Machine Gun Instruction.

Dress: Mufti.

All N. C. O.'s will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 19th May for Machine Gun Instruction.

Dress: Mufti.

7. Infantry Company.

Command of No. 2 Platoon, No. 811 Sergeant V. C. Branson, M.C. will command No. 2 Platoon during the absence on leave of Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell.

On Fridays, 13th and 20th May at 5.30 p.m. All N. C. O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O. C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N. C. O.'s Course of Training in Vickers Gun. The classes will continue to assemble every Friday at 5.30 p.m.

8. No. 4 Platoon.

Parade at Miniature Range for musketry instruction on Wednesday, 18th May at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

9. Scottish Company.

Thursday, 19th May, 1927.

No. 5 Platoon, Kennedy Road Range Tests 4 and 6.

No. 6 Platoon, Headquarters Tests 2 and 5.

No. 7 Platoon, Miniature Range Tests 1 and 3.

Thursday, 26th May, 1927.

All Platoons, March from Star Ferry to Kowloon Docks. Every member of the Company is expected to attend this parade.

Sunday, 29th May, 1927.

Stonecutters Range will be at the disposal of the Scottish Company for the purpose of competing for the "Dyer Cup". Conditions as already circulated.

Members of the Company who have not yet fired Part I Musketry, are requested to fulfil that obligation as speedily as possible. Sunday, 6th June is the last date for so doing. Failing satisfactory personal arrangements to fire with the Reserve Company on Sunday, 22nd May, at Stonecutters.

10. Portuguese Company.

The Portuguese Company will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 13th May for Lewis Gun and Musketry Training.

Dress: Mufti.

Musketry Course Party I. will be fired by the Portuguese Company at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 22nd May.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis. Men who have fired Part I will fire on the above date. Dress and Arms will be notified in next week's Orders.

11. Reserve Company.

Musketry Part I will be fired by the above Company at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 16th May, 1927.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

All those who have not fired must endeavour to attend.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.15 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and

LAWN TENNIS.

AMERICAN PLAYERS IN HOLLAND.

Hague, May 12.
The American Tennis players, Tilden and Hunter, defeated Dutch players in two matches to-day. Tilden beat the Davis Cup players, Timmer, 7-5, 6-3, 6-0, and the American couple beat Van Lennep and Diermeir, 6-0, 16-14, 6-4. —*Reuter*

LOCAL TOURNAMENT.

SEMI-FINALS DECIDED YESTERDAY.

Results in the Hongkong Cricket Club tournaments played yesterday afternoon were:

Handicap Singles "A."—L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6) beat C. C. Stark (rec. 3/6), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles.—S. E. and D. S. Green (owe 3/8), beat Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/6), 7-5, 6-1; E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) received a walk over from F. A. Redmond and L. Forster (owe 15/3).

The winners of the two above doubles matches now meet in the final.

belts must be taken as the whole course must be fired in drill order, whether worn over uniform or mufti.

Arms. May be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 14th May, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

12. Strength.

The following is taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1243 Pte. J. O. McLaggan, No. 6 Platoon dated 5. 5. 27.

13. Appointment.

His Excellency, the Governor has been pleased to appoint Gunner Charles Peter Anderson, M. C., to be Second-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 6th May, 1927.

2/Lieut. C. P. Anderson, M. C. is posted to the Artillery Company.

14. Promotions and Appointments.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from 13th May, 1927.

Mounted Infantry Company.

No. 500 L/Cpl. A. N. Lucey to be Corporal.

No. 2 Platoon.

No. 705 Corpl. E. S. Rogers to be Lance Sergeant.

No. 111 Pte. C. E. M. Terry to be Lance Sergeant.

No. 876 Pte. L. B. Warren to be Lance Corporal.

15. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:

Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell, No. 2 Platoon from 15.5.27 to 14.2.28.

2/Lt. H. Owen-Hughes, No. 1 Platoon from 11.5.27 to 10.5.28.

No. 698 Pte. P. E. Barker, A. C. Coy. from 25.5.27 to 24.5.27.

16. Struck Off.

The following are struck off the Strength of the Corps, as from 1.5.27.

No. 731 Spr. E. A. Lyne, Engineer Company.

No. 978 Pte. A. E. Greenway, Mounted Infantry Company.

No. 902 Pte. A. S. Forsyth, No. 6 Platoon.

No. 620 Cpl. A. Ritchie, No. 7 Platoon.

R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Major.

ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.

NOTICES.

1. Smoking Concert.

The Annual Smoking Concert and Presentation of Prizes will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, 13th May, 1927.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance and that all Prize-winners will make a point of being present and wear undress uniform with medals and decorations.

Officers will wear Mess Dress, White Drill Jacket.

Tickets, \$2.00 each (including refreshments) are obtainable at Volunteer Headquarters from The Officers' Mess, The Sergeants' Mess and The Canteen.

2. Portuguese Rifle Club.

First Meeting will be held at Peak Range on Sunday, 16th May. Firing commences 9 a.m. Last car up 8.30 a.m. Rendezvous at Peak Terminus. Rifles and bayonets to be drawn on Friday evening, 18th May, 1927.

Dress: Mufti. Belt, braces, pouches and frog.

3. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

Third Meeting will be held at Peak Range on Sunday, 22nd May at 9 a.m.

It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

4. Scottish Company Fund.

Subscriptions for 1927 are now due, and are urgently required to meet current expenses. Platoon Commanders will please arrange to have the subscription (\$5. per head) collected from each of their members, and forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, Pte. H. G. Howard, c/o The H. K. and K. W. and Godown Co., Ltd.

All ranks are particularly urged to render their Platoon Commanders every assistance by promptly meeting this call.

"WORST HUSBAND AND FATHER."

FAMILY COST PARISH COUNCIL \$1,000.

In sentencing a middle-aged man named Isaac King to the maximum penalty of six months' imprisonment with hard labour at Glasgow recently, Sheriff Fyfe said the accused was the most miserable specimen of the callous husband and father that he had seen in that court, and he had been on the Glasgow bench for thirty years.

King admitted having failed to maintain his wife and five children between October 1920 and April, 1927, at his house at 50 Dale Street. The Fiscal said it was the most deplorable case that Govan Parish Council had had to deal with. King left his wife and five children, the youngest being only two weeks old at the time, and took with him \$400 which belonged to his wife. He went to Ireland to get a house for the family, and for the last seven years nothing had been heard of him.

Becoming destitute, his wife had applied for relief and was paid at the rate of 40s. per week, and in all nearly \$1,000 had been paid by Govan to her. The accused had eluded the police on several occasions by a few hours, some person having informed the accused that he was wanted by the authorities. He had been keeping company with another woman, who had had two children by him, and had also associations with a third woman. The police traced him to Ballymena, where he was a hawker, and apprehended him a few days ago.

On his own behalf King appealed for leniency and said he would repay the money, but the Sheriff said the maximum penalty was altogether inadequate for his case.

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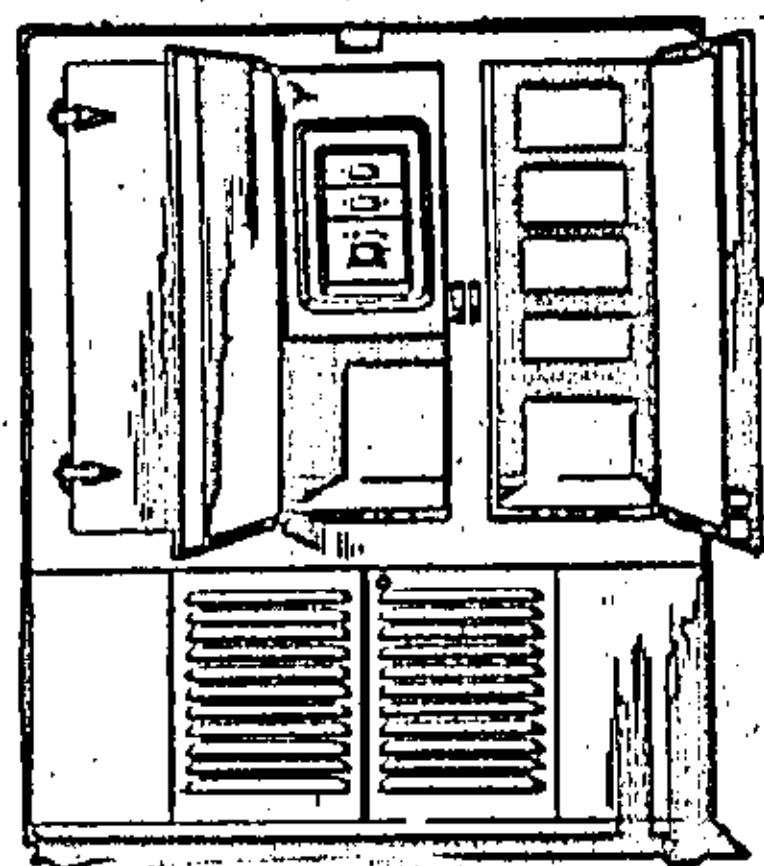
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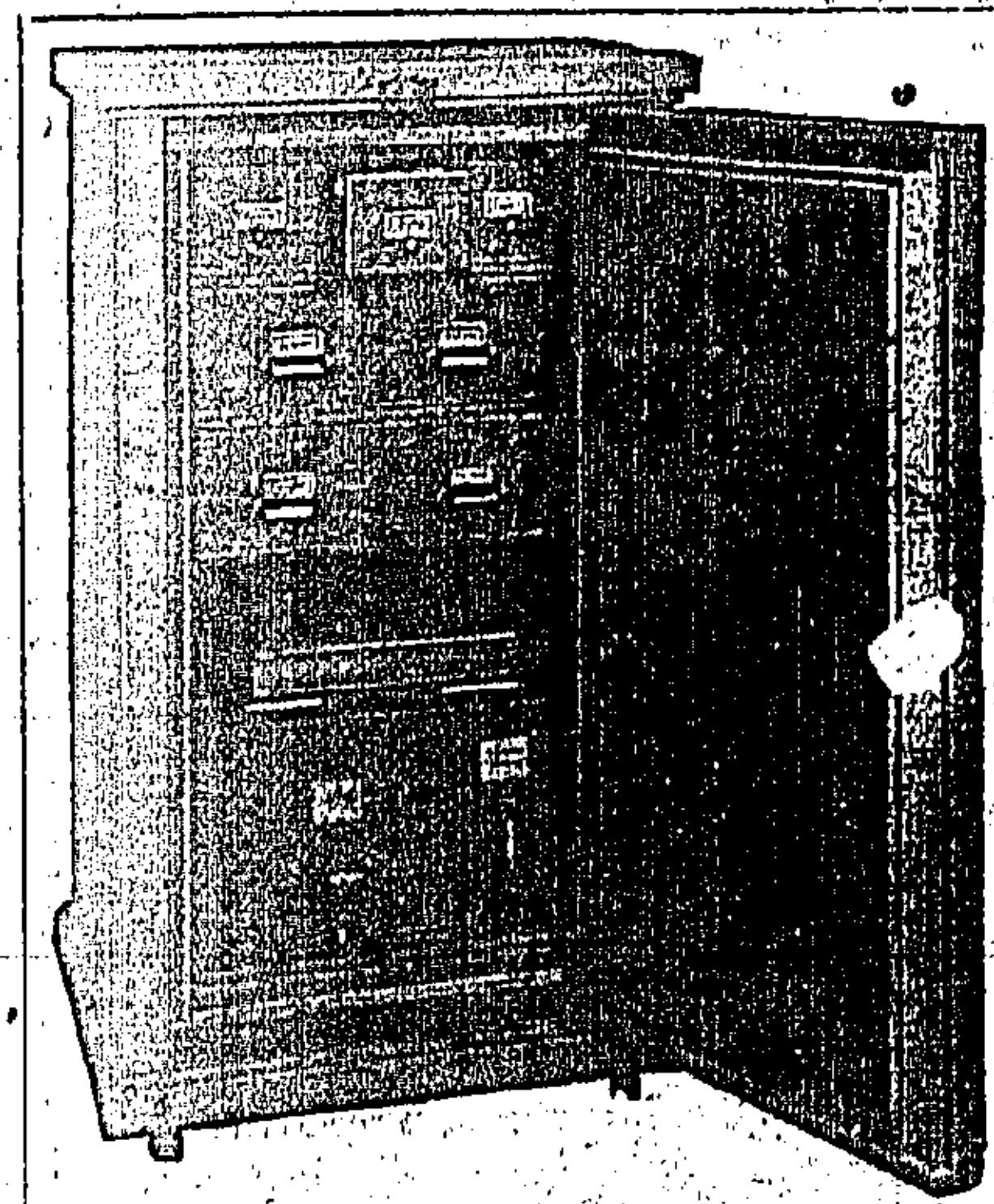
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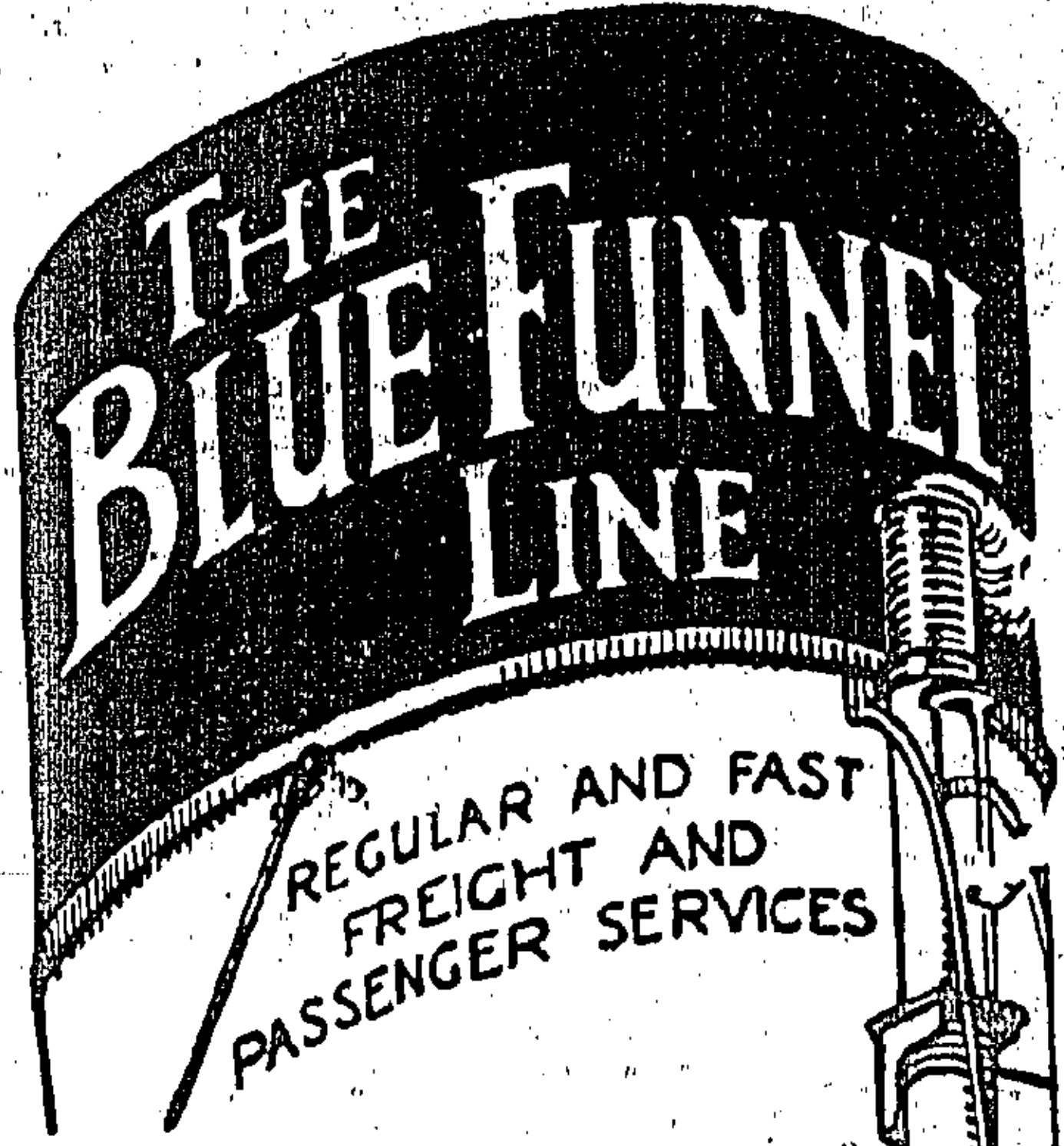
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TSINGTAO'S CALM.

ONE SPOT UNTOUCHED BY CIVIL WAR.

Tsingtao, May 6.
Scene of historic alien strife which soaked her soil with the blood of the sons of other lands, Tsingtao is to-day, by curious irony, one of the few spots in China untouched by civil war.

While inland points resound to the clamour of guns, Tsingtao, a lovely city by a smiling sea, goes peacefully on with the normal course of life. Battleships lie just off-shore, it is true, but their mission is a holiday one; and when their guns speak, no one troubles even to look, for the sound is only a salute to some new naval arrival.

In Tsingtao at least, the Chinese learned to wait for the wheel of events to bring them their own. It is a rather odd story, and somewhere in it there may lie a lesson.

The German Capture.

The first chapter opens on November 1, 1897, when the slaying of two German missionaries by local rebels in Shantung province gave the German Government an excuse for seizure of Kiaochow Bay and a part of Shantung Peninsula by a ruse.

Admiral von Diederichs effected the "capture" of Tsingtao very neatly—from a military point of view—by landing his forces under pretence of conducting manoeuvres. The Chinese Commander who had received him with smiles suddenly found himself confronted with a three-hour ultimatum. His smiles turned to tears, but he left. Score one for the foreigners.

German domination seemed clinched when the arrival of a stronger squadron brought about Chinese consent to a treaty giving a 99-year lease of the district, on March 6, 1898.

Tsingtao Changes Hands.

Years passed and 1914 came, laden with bloodshed all over the world. Even this distant bit of Shantung province was not to be spared. Kaiser Wilhelm cabled to his army in Tsingtao, "God will protect you while you fight bravely; I trust in you."

Accordingly the German garrison broke down railways and bridges, increased defence works, laid mines, landed sailors and guns. The Japanese Second Squadron formally blockaded Tsingtao on August 26.

In the midst of rainstorms and under all conceivable handicaps including hunger, surrounding point after point was captured with heavy losses on the part of both Japanese and Germans. British troops gathered at Weihaiwei, 900 strong, joined the Japanese in the siege. Finally through furious attacks on September 27 and 28 at Hu-shan and Poo-shan the fate of Tsingtao was decided, with a loss of hundreds of men. In the grey Fou-shan affray the Japanese lost half of a company of 500. Ships participated in the battle.

On November 16th the Rising Sun flag floated over Tsingtao and British troops marched through the streets. Germany was down and out but the foreigner still held the reins.

Another Turn of the Wheel.

Japanese occupation meant extensive plans and much work. The Japanese population ran up to 10,000 in a few months, 18,000 by the end of 1918, and 23,000 in 1922.

China had given up—Tsingtao without a struggle and watched the Germans lay out a model city. China watched the bloody foreign clash which brought Tsingtao under the Japanese flag. But now another turn of the wheel took place, and the Washington Conference of 1921 suddenly, and in a measure unexpectedly, put this "Magic City of Asia" back under the five-barred flag of the Chinese Republic.

To-day Tsingtao is, therefore, a city of mixed population—German, Japanese, Russian, English, American, Chinese and what-not—but all under Chinese jurisdiction. Chinese operate the water-works, build new and better bridges on the railway, keep up the streets, administer the laws. They seem to be doing a good job. And they are keeping Tsingtao clear of the elsewhere almost universal strife. Perhaps here, in this pleasantly situated pleasure-ground of the Far East, it is realised fully at last that war never pays.

The schooner "Vaterland," sailing around the world to exhibit German industrial products and develop commercial good will, has sailed from New York after returning an American flag captured during the war. Count Felix von Luckner, commander of the schooner, was captain of the raider "Sea Eagle," an American vessel that was seized by the Germans.

OBITUARY.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. PENROSE.

Brigadier-General Cooper Penrose, C.B., C.M.G., late R.E., died at Exmouth, at the age of 72. Born on March 8, 1855, he was the third son of the Rev. J. P. Penrose, of Woodhill, Co. Cork, younger brother of Mr. Robert Uniceke Penrose-FitzGerald, of Cork and Lisquinn. He was sent to Halesbury, and obtained his commission in the Royal Engineers from Woolwich in 1873. Six years later he was on active service in South Africa during the Zulu war. From 1885 to 1889 he was employed with the Submarine Mining Service of the New South Wales Local Forces; from July, 1891, to December, 1896, as assistant inspector of submarine defences at Army Headquarters; and then for a year as inspector. From 1898 to 1901 he was Commanding Royal Engineer at Weihaiwei, and in that capacity took part in the operations in China in 1900, when he was wounded and mentioned in despatches.

He became colonel in 1904, and in September, 1906, was appointed chief engineer, Southern Coast Defences, and in 1910, when he was promoted brigadier-general, chief engineer of the Southern Command. General Penrose was created C.B. in June, 1910, and retired in 1912. When the Great War broke out he rejoined and was temporary chief engineer, Scottish Command, in 1915-16, and was employed under the Admiralty in 1917-19. He was created C.M.G. in 1917. General Penrose married in 1885 Sylvia Alice, daughter of Mr. Thomas Greene, of Dublin, and had three daughters.

MRS. YAPP.

Mother of Sir Arthur Yapp.

Mrs. Jane Yapp, who died at the Vicarage, Bradford, in her 94th year, was the widow of Mr. Richard Keysall Yapp, of Orleton, Herefordshire, and the mother of Sir A. K. Yapp, National Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., of Professor R. H. Yapp, of the University of Birmingham, and of Mrs. Stanton Jones, wife of the Archdeacon of Bradford. For some years she had been living with her daughter and son-in-law.

A correspondent writes of her:—Born four years before Queen Victoria came to the Throne, Mrs. Yapp lived a full and useful life until but a few weeks ago. Her father, the Rev. Timothy Gammidge, was a Congregational Minister at Ketton and Duddington, in Rutland, and, despite a meagre salary, gave all his five children a sound education. She married in 1866, but her husband died in 1873, and she brought up all her three children to render useful service in one direction or another. Although sprung from Puritan stock and herself a devout Christian, Mrs. Yapp was singularly free from narrowness of outlook. Her secret for a long and happy life was "hard work and faith." Her own devoted work and deep faith were an inspiration to all with whom she had to do; and, with them, her common sense, her optimism, and her love.

MR. ALFRED TRODD.

Old Shanghai Resident.

The death has taken place of Mr. Alfred B. Trodd, on board the str. Katori Maru at sea.

Mr. Trodd was one of the oldest residents in Shanghai, having arrived in the Settlement in the year 1876. He was the uncle of Mrs. Frank Lloyd and Mr. W. J. Gande, and at the time of his death was proceeding Home accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd.

For many years Mr. Trodd was associated with the Shanghai Gas Co., but he retired from this firm in the year 1910. He was a member of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps for over 26 years and many other members of the S.V.C. will remember him as their Sergeant-Major.

LORD WALTER KERR.

A Hero of Lucknow.

London, May 12.
The death is announced of Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, Admiral of the Fleet, G.C.B., K.C.B., was born in Scotland, September 28, 1839. He was educated at Radley College and entered the navy in 1853. In 1854-1856 he served in the Baltic. He was with the Naval Brigade at the relief and battle of Lucknow. In 1872 he was made Captain, Rear Admiral in 1889, Vice Admiral in 1896, and Admiral in 1900. In 1904 he was created Admiral of the Fleet.

SIR SIDNEY COLVIN.

Friend of R. L. Stevenson.

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The death is announced of Sir Sidney Colvin.—*Reuter.*

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Recent reports of fresh clues in the mystery surrounding the murder of Mr. E. A. Creed, the provision shop manager, of Bayswater, W., on July 28, emphasises the fact that Scotland Yard never entirely abandons an investigation, says a London paper.

There are several other crimes, weeks old, awaiting solution. There is the burglary at Harrods' stores, on December 29, when property to the value of about £10,000 was stolen. At least three thieves were engaged, and they were seen by a policeman to drive away.

Then there are the recent raids on post offices and mail vans. In one or two instances the thieves have been brought to justice, but the man or men who stand in the background and plan these robberies have not been caught. It is thought that there is a master mind which directs post office robberies.

Efforts are being made to discover the organisers of the gang which has successfully brought off safe robberies recently. The thieves must have been well provided with money, for the appliances which have been left behind are of costly manufacture.

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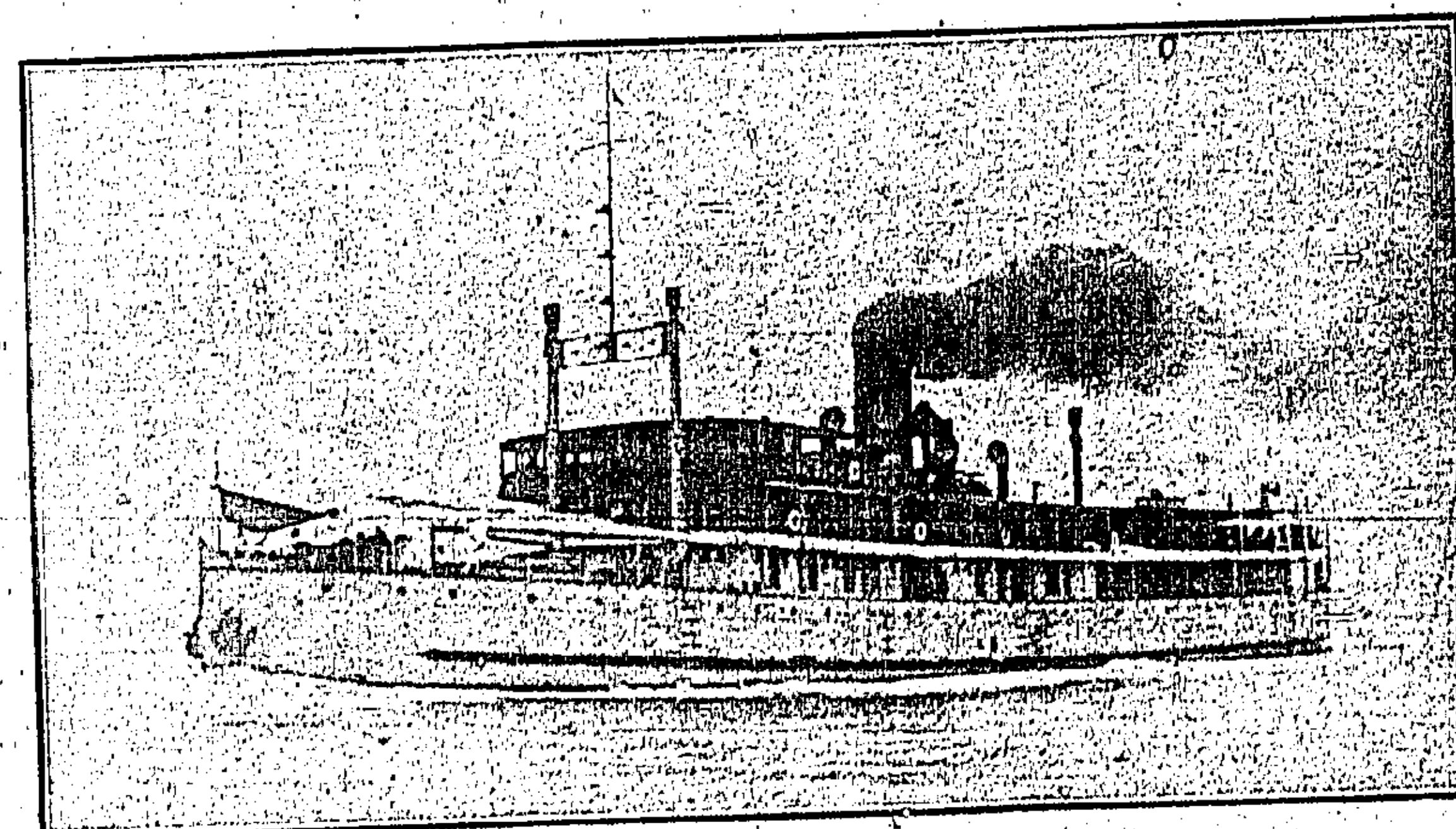
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STORM AT ADEN.

EXTRAORDINARY RAINFALL
LAST MONTH.

Simla, April 18.—While the western disturbance which crossed over the head of the Bay of Bengal a few days ago is still causing havoc in Barisal and Faridpur, the reports, which continue to reach Simla from Aden, are not reassuring; in fact, Aden, which maintained its usual average of less than 2 inches of rain throughout the twelve months last year, has suddenly become notorious with an extraordinary record of 3 inches of rainfall during the 24 hours preceding the 13th April and about an inch on the 14th. This rain was accompanied, it is unofficially reported, by a heavy dust storm.

This appears to have been associated with the highly disturbed conditions in Persia, a fact which compelled the Meteorological Office in Simla to issue special messages to ships in the neighbourhood of Aden, and request their captains to report their observations.

Anxious weather persisted for four days until the 16th April, necessitating a continuance of such special messages. The precautionary measures were rendered necessary, particularly in view of the experience felt over 40 years ago in 1885, when a violent storm raged in the neighbourhood of Socatra and passed into the Gulf of Aden, but the special messages brought forth response only from near the Indian coast and not from the affected area.

Unprecedented.

It may be mentioned that there is no Observatory anywhere else in that area except at Aden, and the Meteorological Department in Simla has, therefore, to rely on reports from stray ships by wireless. Of the details of the recent disturbed weather or the damage caused, the Department is not aware, but their chart clearly shows the unprecedented rainfall at this time of the year.

Now, however, normal weather is reported to be prevailing there, because the western disturbance has completely entered the Indian area, but the question is, what will happen to it? It will appear from to-day's weather chart that there is a well marked depression over the Punjab, and judged from the suspicious course it is attempting to follow, and also by the nature of the Agra winds one is tempted to assume that this depression may make a dash towards Bengal where highly disturbed weather is already in full swing with gales in East Bengal and 6 inches of rain in Chittagong and 5 in Silchar.

CHINA BOLSHIES.

RETURNED MISSIONARY'S
STORY.

"Unpleasant and awful," was the description applied to prevailing conditions in China by the Rev. E. F. P. Scholes, of Leeds, who, after missionary effort in the Far East extending over 23 years, arrived in Liverpool on the Canadian Pacific liner Montrose. He said he had been forced to return because of the hostility displayed by Cantonese forces.

He proceeded to describe several exciting adventures through which he had passed before he was able to leave Hanyang, one of the three central cities of China, and reach Shanghai. He explained that when he went to the annual entertainment of the blind school he found the establishment placarded with posters of an anti-British character, and Chinese Bolsheviks distributing anti-British circulars. They had previously, said Mr. Scholes, been using British church buildings, both for quartering their soldiers and propaganda purposes declaring they had been slaves of the British long enough, and emphatically asserting that they must throw off the yoke.

He, Mr. Scholes, was followed from the meeting by a man who shouted, "Here's an Imperialist," at the same time inviting the crowd to knock him down. "They tried their utmost to do so," said Mr. Scholes, "but I got into a passage with my back to the wall. As it was, they pummeled me right and left, and I was lucky to ultimately escape from them with a bleeding nose, a black eye, and a bruised leg."

Mr. Scholes also stated that Russian Bolsheviks are behind the Chinese propaganda movement, and are inquiring how long they are to be dominated by British and foreign imperialism. "Wherever the Bolsheviks go," said Mr. Scholes, "they establish Unions to fight against us. There is no prospect of missionaries in the future exercising anything like the amount of control in China they have had in the past. The spirit of nationalism is now all against foreign control in anything."

CHINESE LABOUR.

UNFOUNDED CHARGES
EXPOSED.

RECENT BRITISH REFORMS.

"Lack of accurate information is the cause of many unfounded charges that are brought in this country against British employers of labour in China," states a White Paper on Labour conditions in China, issued by the Foreign Office in mail week.

These charges, it is stated, are that British capitalists use the British export credit to China to erect factories and exploit cheap labour, that the products of this cheap labour are exported to other countries, such as India, where they compete with English manufactures, and thus injure the British working man, that the authorities of foreign concessions refuse to apply Chinese factory legislation in the concessions, and that the child labour by-law for the international settlement at Shanghai was defeated by a deliberately organised boycott, which prevented the quorum of ratepayers necessary to pass the by-law being secured.

The Foreign Office replies to these 'mis-statements, which to some extent arise out of honest ignorance of a very complicated and little-known subject,' are—

"China, having barely begun to emerge from the state of domestic industry, the total amount of all capital invested in factories is insignificant. Nearly the whole of this capital is Chinese, and only a small percentage British. The interests of the British in China are, therefore, overwhelmingly those of the traders, and only to a very insignificant extent those of the capitalist or employer of labour. The development of a factory system in China is, and must continue to be, the work not of foreign capitalists, but of the Chinese themselves. The influence of foreign capitalists, both British and Japanese, in as much as it has set up higher standards and introduced humanitarian ideas, has been entirely beneficial."

Low Standards of Living.

"The evil conditions of labour in Chinese factories are due primarily to the low standards of living that prevail generally in China, and to the total absence of effective legislation. The disappearance of the concessions and millitary improvement in labour conditions. On the other hand, growth in the power and influence of the Nationalist party which has—on paper at least—adopted a Labour policy, may promote such improvement. Conditions in foreign factories, particularly British and Japanese, are better than in Chinese factories. A high proportion of the few British factories challenge comparison with any in the world."

There is no Chinese legislation which can be applied in foreign concessions. The provisional factory regulations of 1923 are unsuitable, and exist only on paper."

Regarding the charge that the failure to adopt the child labour by-law for the international settlement was a deliberately organised boycott, the White Paper points out that under the settlement regulations one-third of the ratepayers must attend before a new by-law can be passed. At the special meeting of ratepayers called to consider the child labour by-law, it was the intention of the Shanghai Municipal Council to endeavour, as a matter of routine, to secure the passage of certain other by-laws relating to the control of the Press, registration of produce exchanges, and increasing wharfage dues.

Chinese Opposition.

Vehement opposition by Chinese residents of the settlement developed into a violent and dangerous agitation when it was suspected by the Chinese that the active canvass for a quorum for the child labour by-law was merely a device to secure passage of the Press by-law. A few days before the date of the special meeting there occurred the shooting in the Nanking Road, known as the Shanghai incident, of May 30, 1925.

On the day of the meeting itself there was further rioting, accompanied by shooting, and as some of the most enthusiastic supporters of Labour reform were afraid of the consequences if the meeting were held, the Municipal Council judged it prudent to send out private messages warning ratepayers not to attend. In spite of this 514 voters representing 725 votes turned out, but the number was insufficient for quorum. A larger percentage of British voters attended than of any other nationality. The by-law was thus not passed, "but there is no doubt that a quorum would

GUNMEN IN SINGAPORE.

DRAMATIC RECOGNITION IN
POLICE COURT.

Three Chinese alleged to have been in the act of robbing two Straits-born Chinese were arrested at Singapore by a detective patrol on Wednesday night last week.

One of them was armed with a pistol.

When the accused were being brought into court, they were seen by Inspector King. He identified two of them as among the four Chinese who, it is alleged, wounded him and some constables during the recent affray in Serangoon Road.

In the Second Court the next morning the men were charged with armed gang robbery.

It was an extraordinary scene when Inspector King suddenly claimed to recognise the two Chinese.

When the men had reached the top of the stairs they were seen by the Inspector, who immediately claimed to recognise two of them as members of the gang of four who shot him and some constables in Serangoon Road a short time ago.

The careers of the arrested men are now being closely investigated by the Detective Department.

"POLAR CAKES."

DEPOT AT KOWLOON.

The enterprise of the "Forprodist" Company, in conjunction with Messrs. Connell Bros. Co., in importing Seattle ice cream to Hongkong, is meeting with great success, so much so, that a depot has been opened in Kowloon as a retail distributing centre.

"Polar Cakes" may henceforth be obtained from the new store at 96, Nathan Road, from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. A special refrigerating plant has been installed to ensure that these delicacies are kept in perfect condition. Deliveries will be made upon application, or residents may call direct to the store.

After serving two terms of imprisonment for being in possession of illicit opium, a Chinese was deported from the Colony at the end of last year. He lost no time in returning, and being arrested at one o'clock this morning in the street, he was sentenced by Mr. R.E. Lindsell to three months' hard labour for being in possession of a carpenter's chisel believed to be intended for a burglarious enterprise, and to a further nine months' for disobeying the order of banishment.

Picked up unconscious after a 40-foot fall from a scaffold, a Kensington workman, recently, amazed his comrades by returning to work, soon after recovering his senses, apparently unhurt. He was Walter Newman, aged 30, of Barker-street, Fulham-road, S.W. The accident occurred in Radcliffe-square, South Kensington. He overbalanced and dropped into an area. His fellow workers found him unconscious and a doctor was hastily summoned. Newman, however, recovered before the doctor's arrival and refused to be taken to hospital. Shortly afterwards he mounted the scaffold and resumed work.

have been secured had normal conditions prevailed," it is stated.

Anti-Foreign Agitators.

"Though industrial unrest has been increasing in China in recent years, it is stated, and economic strikes have been of frequent occurrence in most forms of industry, it is significant that the three cotton mills in Shanghai owned and managed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, & Co., have never had a strike until the beginning of June 1925—just after the shooting incident in the Nanking Road—and then only because the workpeople were intimidated by the political agitators who were responsible for the anti-foreign disturbances.

If, as seems inevitable, China is to be industrialised, it is of the highest importance that she should recognise the terrible social evils inherent in the old-fashioned domestic industry system, and learn by the experience of the industrial revolution in Europe how to prevent the extension of these evils to the factory system where they would have the potentiality of being greatly intensified.

The British share in the industrialisation of China, it is remarked, is very small indeed. There is no British capital invested in Chinese factories, whereas in British factories the capital is generally largely subscribed by Chinese.

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CLOUDY BEER.

A 7,000-YEARS-OLD
PROBLEM.

A common complaint among lovers of good beer—its cloudiness—was discussed by delegates to the Royal Microscopical Society at Liverpool recently at their annual conference. Mr. J. Ross Mackenzie said authorities had traced the history of beer back to 5000 B.C., and in those early days brewers were hampered by inability to produce beers that were free from cloudiness. To-day the manufacture of beer was rightly regarded as an art and a science.

The eye of the consumer played a very prominent part in the evolu-

tion of a commodity, and more so in the case of beer than probably any other commodity. The demand for beers free from cloudiness became insistent, and, thanks to the groundwork of earlier scientists and the sustained efforts of their successors, that demand, Mr. Ross Mackenzie claimed, was now fully met.

Speaking of the demand for a "pure beer"—a beer brewed from British malt and hops only—Mr. Ross said the interpretation by the public of the term "pure" in this connexion is, erroneous. A beer brewed wholly from British malt of the highest quality, would contain an excess of crude nitrogen which would provide nutriment for the development of disease-producing micro-organisms and cause a persistent cloudiness. The public would refuse to accept such a beverage.